



Tornado Damage Wood Markets

Markets for wood from tornado damaged areas will vary depending on the local requirement for the company. The best way to insure that the material would be accepted is to contact those in charge of wood procurement before producing any product for the mills. The Companies accepting pulpwood for paper production and wood chips for boiler fuel in the western Kentucky area are Phoenix Paper and Domtar Paper. The local contact for Dunaway Timber who buys raw material (pulpwood) and chips the wood & sells to Domtar which is located in Hawesville, KY is Henry Christ. Dunaway Timber has buying locations in Eddyville & Fordsville. The paper mills are buying mostly clean chips to make paper which means that the logs that are being chipped have had the bark removed before being processed. Bark content in the wood chips will reduce the paper quality and are not as desirable for making paper.

There are markets for wood chips which include bark contact the buyers for your options. Any wood being used for boiler fuel could not contain anything like plywood, urban waste and items that contain glue.

They can buy wood for their chipping operations which would include hardwood trees. The logs would generally need to be at least 8 feet long with a maximum length of up to 40 feet and would need to be fairly straight without limbs. Dunaway Timber will take logs up to about 18 inches in diameter at the large end and Phoenix Paper can generally take logs up to 26 inches in diameter. They are set up to debark and chip the logs after they are delivered. Anyone taking logs would need to contact them before delivering any wood and they can provide a current price along with specifications. Currently the paper mills are looking for wood and the market is good.

A list of logging contractors by county can be found online at masterlogger.org

Market contacts are listed below:

Tom Wood - wood for chipping & possibly boiler fuel
Purchasing wood at facilities in Beaver Dam and Eddyville, KY
Phoenix Paper Wickliffe, Wickliffe, KY
270-335-4000
thomas.wood@phoenixpaper.com

Henry Christ - wood for chipping that would go to Domtar Paper
Dunaway Timber Co., Fordsville, KY
270-276-3367
henry@dunawaytimber.com

Dan Allard - boiler fuel & chips
Domtar Paper Co. LLC.
Hawesville, KY
270-314-4366
daniel.allard@domtar.com

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