

chapter A-18.1, r. 2

Regulation respecting sugar bush management in forests in the domain of the State

*Sustainable Forest Development Act
(chapter A-18.1, ss. 87 and 363).*

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The former alphanumerical designation of this Regulation was: chapter F-4.1, r. 3.

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1. *A person applying for a permit to manage a sugar bush in a forest in the domain of the State must furnish the information referred to in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph of section 13 of the Forest Act (chapter F-4.1).*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 1.

2. *No holder of a sugar bush management permit may erect or install buildings in a sugar bush other than buildings necessary for the management of the sugar bush. The holder may use the buildings solely for the collection and processing of sap.*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 2.

3. *A permit holder must comply with the following conditions when tapping maple trees:*

(1) maple trees may be tapped once a year only, between 1 January and 30 April;

(2) only maple trees at least 20 cm in diameter at 1.30 m above the highest ground level may be tapped;

(3) the maximum number of tapholes in the same maple tree is determined according to the diameter of the tree, as follows:

<i>Diameter of maple tree at 1.30 m above ground</i>	<i>Maximum number of tapholes</i>
<i>20 to 39 cm</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>40 to 59 cm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>60 to 79 cm</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>80 cm and over</i>	<i>4</i>

Where 2 or more tapholes are drilled, they must be positioned evenly around the tree;

(4) the taphole must be drilled using a bit not more than 11 mm in diameter and must not be more than 6 cm deep, including bark thickness;

(5) no control product may be inserted into a taphole unless the control product has been registered under the Pest Control Products Act (S.C. 2002, c. 28);

(6) all spouts must be removed each year at the latest on 1 June, with care taken not to tear the bark from the tree;

(7) tubing must be installed, replaced and maintained without damage to the trees ; and

(8) all worn or unused material must be recovered and disposed of in such a manner as to ensure the premises are kept clean.

O.C. 732-2004, s. 3.

4. *A permit holder must, as soon as possible after the permit has been issued, visibly mark off the boundaries of the sugar bush without damaging the trees, and maintain the boundary markings.*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 4.

5. *A permit holder must make and submit an annual report to the Minister on the activities carried on by the holder.*

The first part of the report must be submitted at the latest on 1 June and indicate

(1) the number of tapholes drilled during the period determined in section 3 ; and

(2) the quantity of maple syrup produced from the volume of sap harvested during the sugaring season or, if the sap is not processed on the premises, the volume of sap harvested.

The second part of the report must be submitted at the latest on 31 December and contain

(1) a statement of the forest management activities carried out during the year ;

(2) the volume of round timber harvested in the sugar bush in connection with the carrying on of forest management activities, by species or group of species, quality and destination ; and

(3) the information required under the second paragraph of section 16.1 of the Forest Act (chapter F-4.1) if the permit authorizes the harvesting of timber to supply wood processing plants.

O.C. 732-2004, s. 5.

6. *Every holder of a sugar bush management permit who contravenes any provision of sections 2 to 4 is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fine provided for in paragraph 3 of section 244 of the Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1).*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 6; O.C. 1006-2005, s. 9.

7. *This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting sugar bush management permits in the domain of the State (O.C. 1889-89, 89-12-06).*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 7.

8. *(Omitted).*

O.C. 732-2004, s. 8.

UPDATES

O.C. 732-2004, 2004 G.O. 2, 2466

O.C. 1006-2005, 2005 G.O. 2, 4830

