



# Service Rate Changes Effective October 1, 2024 Tractor/Dozer; Mileage; and Personnel

Effective October 1, 2024, rates will change for specific GFC services, due to increased operation costs. These rates will apply when installing pre-suppression fire breaks, prescribed burning, suppressing wildfires, and/or extracting timber harvesting and reforestation equipment. For services not listed, rates will remain unchanged.

If services (plow/harrow/burn assistance) were previously scheduled to be completed on or after October 1, 2024, the responsible County Unit personnel should contact landowners, or their designated representatives, to notify them of these rate increases effective October 1, 2024. All services completed before September 30, 2024, will be charged the expiring rates.

## Tractors and Bulldozers

- All tractors, regardless of size or type, will be charged \$230 per hour for the first hour of service. The one-hour charge is also the MINIMUM service fee. This new rate includes the transportation fee, which is applied to the first-hour rate of \$230.
- A \$160 per hour rate will apply to each successive hour, as measured on the tractor hour meter.
- Partial hours will be charged \$16.00 for each 1/10 hour (.10), as measured on the tractor hour meter.
- JD 1050 will increase to \$300 per hour for the first hour, and \$220 per hour for each successive hour.

Rates will be the same for installing firebreaks with front-mounted blades or using a lift, wheel fire plows, or harrows. These rates will also apply to costs for wildfire suppression (suppression charges) and the extraction of timber harvesting and reforestation equipment.

Landowners who are scheduled to receive plowing/harrowing/burn assistance on or after October 1, 2024, will be charged the new rates. All other procedures remain the same, including the signed agreement requirement for services being provided.

## Vehicles and Engine Mileage

- Engine mileage will increase to \$0.85.
- Heavy Duty (HD) pickup will increase to \$0.75
- Vehicle mileage will increase to \$0.70.
- Sedan mileage will increase to \$0.70.
- Truck Tractor mileage will increase to \$2.75.
- Transport mileage will increase to \$2.25.

## Personnel

- All GFC personnel rates will increase to \$40 per hour.

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The Administration and IT Departments will make updates to our invoicing systems and intranet page that display our service rates: <https://intranet.gfc.state.ga.us/Invoices/>, effective October 1, 2024.

Our Public Relations Department will initiate communications through traditional media, social media, and our [gatrees.org](http://gatrees.org) web page announce these increases.

County Units and Area personnel should continue to enter accurate and timely information into the Plow and Burn Log, as well as within the Fire Reporting System, so invoices can be generated and mailed promptly. There are no changes to these procedures.

## **GFC Reforestation Equipment Rental**

Contact the local GFC County Unit, area office, or forester regarding reforestation equipment rentals in your area.

### **Reforestation Equipment Locations:**

Area 1 - Polk County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter

Area 2 – Athens Regional Office. 1 Light Tree Planter and 1 Heavy Tree Planter.

Area 3 – Coweta County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter, 1 Heavy Tree Planter, 1 subsoiler with scalper, and 1 Subsoilers.

Pike County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Area 4 – Shoulderbone County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Area 5 - Wilkes County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter and 1 Heavy Tree Planter.

Area 6 – Stewart County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter with trailer and 1 Scalper.

Tift County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter with trailer.

Dougherty County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter with trailer.

Area 7 - Laurens County Unit. 1 Heavy Tree Planter, 1 Light Tree Planter, 1 Scalper, and 1 Subsoiler.

Appling County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Jeff Davis County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter. (note: owned by JD Reforestation Group, non-GFC).

Area 8 – Bulloch County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Effingham County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Candler County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter and 1 Scalper.

Area 9 - Lowndes County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter and 1 Scalper.

Colquitt County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter.

Early County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter and 1 Scalper.

Area 10 – Bacon County Unit 1 Light Tree Planter.

Brantley County Unit 1 Light Tree Planter (County Owned).

Coffee County Unit. 1 Light Tree Planter (County Owned).