

(At least)

51 Ways to Promote and Sell Forest Products



Lower cost, lower effort

- > Introduce product to neighbors
- > Introduce product to family members
- > Partner with a maple producer / retailer
- Include information at end of every e-mail message
- News release to media especially seasonal

Lower cost, higher effort

- Sell through gift shop at nature center or museum
- Offer a tour of woodland to public / open house
- > Sell through a winery
- Participate in community festival with an educational display (Earth Day, summer fest, farm festival)
- > Sell through a farm market
- > Join a flea or community market



- Participate in shopping center event (science day, kids day, etc.)
- Sell through a health food store
- > Develop a cooperative of several forest product growers
- Market as a local product at tourist destination
- Meet with restaurant chefs for product tasting / introduction
- > Sell through local hearth shop
- > Meet with catering service and ask about supply of local





- and fresh product
- > Use product as fundraiser for local charity (church, humane organization, environmental center)
- Sell at local college festivals, parent's weekend as dorm decoration, special food, etc.
- > Special sale to a club Audubon chapter, sportsman's club, NYFOA members, etc.
- Sell to a private school for supplies or addition to menu
- Contact art teachers and supply them with natural materials
- > Develop relationship with log home dealer, real estate agent, or mobile home business to supply "welcome" gift
- > Presentation to civic groups (Rotary, Lions, etc.)
- Special product for senior apartment dwellers
- > Join with local greenhouse or u-pick farm
- > Supply day care center with natural materials for crafts
- Provide natural materials to candle makers
- > Supply historical or reenactment groups
- > Materials for carvers
- > Supply for local florist or sell through florist
- Contact massage or therapeutic centers aroma, natural materials, etc.
- > Investigate herbalists and find out if natural herbs will fit their practice
- > Teach a class through continuing education, Extension, or community college
- > Sell to an artisan cheese maker
- > Supply microbrewery, cider mill, or supply store for beer and wine makers.
- Sell offspring of plants / shrubs at plant sale
- > Supply other forest product growers / collectors



Higher cost, lower effort

- > Give product as gift with information
- Simple classified ads in urban paper
- > Donate to a charitable auction
- > Brochure at local hotel or tourism center rack
- Small ad in NY Forest Owner, Farm Bureau newsletters, Adirondack Life, etc.
- > Regional produce or farm product auction sales



Higher cost, higher effort

- > Promote / sell on web site
- > Kiosk or stand at a mall or shopping center (go for off season)
- > Sell through a local food cooperative
- > Attend a forest product trade show / farm show
- > Host a tasting event



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