

# Biomass Fuel Overview

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## What does DHR burn?

- Clean, woody biomass (free of painted or treated wood)
- Saw Mills, urban, agricultural or forestry sources
- 3-inch nominal size with <5% by weight exceeding 7x2x1 inches
- <30% of volume delivered must be 0.124 inches or smaller
- Delivered reasonably free of incombustibles (stones, metal, etc.)
- Meets Minimum Sustainability Standards for forest-produced biomass



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How does GRU acquire its fuel?

- BioResource Management (BRM) – Local Fuel Procurement contractor responsible for:
  - All fuel purchases
  - Ongoing supply development
  - Delivery schedules
  - Fuel receipt
  - Quality control
  - Compliance with sustainable management practices
- Purchased on a delivered basis (mileage fee)
- Within a 75 mile radius of plant

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## Fuel Sources



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## Types of Fuel

- Clean, woody biomass
- Procurement guidelines to manage risk (operational, reliability)

| Fuel Type      | Fuel Mix |
|----------------|----------|
| Logging debris | 60-80%   |
| Urban wood     | 15-30%   |
| Mill residues  | 3-5%     |

| Fuel Type      | Per Supplier       |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Logging debris | ≤ 40% total volume |
| Urban wood     | ≤ 20% total volume |
| Mill residues  | ≤ 80% total volume |

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## Fuel Cost

- At the time of plant purchase, fuel was \$41.65/MWh (with variable O&M)
- Currently \$30.99/MWh
- Performance testing → lower operating levels → longer generating periods → steady fuel stream → lower fuel prices

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## Forestry Standards

Fuel procurement standards for forest produced biomass with goals to:

- Promote forest health
- Long-term forest productivity – reforestation with harvesting
- Protect forest resources from wildfire, pests & diseases
- Safeguard critical water, soil and habitat resources
- Preserve biological diversity

*Questions?*

