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What is a cord?

A cord is a unit of measure applied to stacked roundwood, usually pulpwood or firewood. With firewood, the pieces may be split before the cordwood stack is formed. Since a cord is a measure of a loose stack of wood, it contains air space as well as solid wood and bark, and is therefore more of an indication of space occupied than actual wood measure. A standard cord contains 128 cubic feet of wood, bark, and air space, often measuring 4 feet high, 4 feet wide, with pieces 8 feet in length, or 4 feet high, 8 feet wide, with pieces 4 feet in length. Although the dimensions can vary, depending on the length of the pieces, the cubic-foot content is constant for a standard cord. (Source: UW Extension College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, UW Madison. No 44)

CONTENTS OF A STANDARD CORD:

Wood, bark and air space 128 cu. ft.

At Best Wood Judge, we try to give you more wood for your money. When we load our trucks for delivery, we will measure and load approximately 150 cubic feet of space per cord. The same proportional increase in cubic footage is applied to any other quantity delivered (about 15% extra).

We sincerely appreciate your business and ask you to refer our services to your friends and neighbors.

Again, THANK YOU for choosing the Best Wood Judge.

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Soaring heating oil prices ignite firewood demand

Source: Ino.com Headlines
By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press Writer

(AP:DURHAM, Maine) On a recent scorching-hot summer day, workers at Reed's Firewood used heavy equipment to cut and split logs into firewood until it was too dark to see.

Despite its relentless pace, the family-run business is failing to keep up with demand as homeowners shellshocked by the price of heating oil look to old-fashioned firewood as a way to lower their bills this winter.

The cost of seasoned firewood in Maine has jumped roughly 50 percent from a year ago, but it remains a relative bargain when compared with heating oil, which is nearly \$2 per gallon more than last year. Many customers are doubling their usual orders and some firewood dealers are turning away customers.

"We've really never seen anything like this before," said Lloyd Irland, who teaches forestry economics at Yale University and runs a consulting business in Maine.

While most heating oil customers aren't dumping the fuel altogether, they're using less by upgrading furnaces, turning down thermostats, insulating their homes and turning to alternative fuels, including firewood.

A survey by the Maine Forest Service found most dealers out of seasoned firewood and some short of green wood, which doesn't burn as well because it isn't dry enough.

Firewood remains a deal for those who don't mind the hassle of lugging it around and periodically feeding their wood stoves or fireplaces.

On average, a cord of firewood has the same heating potential as 155 gallons of heating oil, said Peter Lammert of the Maine Forest Service. Thus, a cord of seasoned firewood costing \$300 is a bargain compared to 155 gallons of heating oil costing \$685.10, based on \$4.42 per gallon, the current statewide average.

Richard Cote, director of New Hampshire's Division of Weights and Measures, said the switch to wood made sense. "This is a renewable resource for us in northern New England," he said.

Still, David Rooker feels lucky he was able to get the two cords piled in his driveway in South Portland.

"With the price of heating oil, we'll have fires every night," said Rooker, who estimates he saved \$1,000 on oil the first year he installed a wood stove. The savings have grown as oil prices have risen.

While Reed is making deliveries, his father and his two teenage sons keep at it to make sure there's another loaded truck ready when he returns. Reed's is getting 40 to 60 calls a day from customers and has more than 1,000 cords worth of logs waiting to be cut.

But other dealers are struggling to get raw logs.

Southern Maine Firewood, a large dealer in Gorham, had only 100 cords worth recently but orders for 1,000 cords of firewood.

"It's just a nightmare right now," owner Jake Dyer said. "You'd think in a state like this that you could get wood."

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