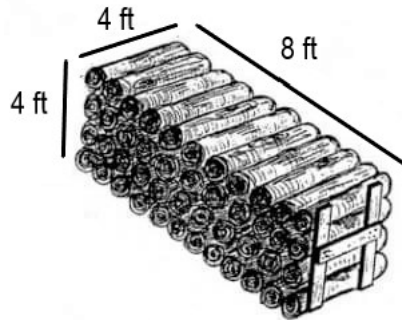


How much is a cord?

A cord of wood is the volume of a stack 4 ft tall, by 4 ft wide by 8 ft long.



An average half-ton pickup truck with a full-size bed can carry half a cord of dry firewood.

A pickup with a short bed will be able to carry a little less.



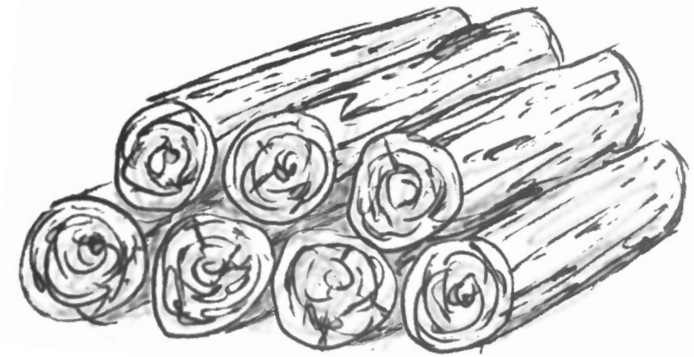
A pickup truck with **1/2 cord**



A pickup truck with **1 cord**

Make sure you don't overload your truck!

FUELWOOD Information



Rio Grande National Forest



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Fuelwood Characteristics

	*Range of lbs./cord	Aprox. BTU/lbs.	Splits	Sparks
Aspen	2,000-2,300	8,400	Easy	Few
Cottonwood	1,840-2,210	8,300	Hard	Few
Douglas Fir	2,620-3,140	9,200	Easy	Moderate
Oak	3,560-4,280	8,400	Hard	Few
Pinyon	3,000-3,600	11,100	Hard	Many
Ponderosa	2,100-2,520	9,100	Easy	Moderate
Spruce	1,840-2,210	8,100	Easy	Many

Weight figured at 12% moisture content for air dried wood.

BTU - unit of heat, the amount of energy it takes to increase 1 lb. of water 1°F

*This is an informational supplement.
You must follow the conditions of your permit.*

When transporting fuelwood, you must:

Have your fuelwood permit with you, be familiar with and follow the legal requirements on the permit.

Record the date, time, and quantity removed on the Product Quantity Removal Record on your permit.

Starting in January 2025, load tags are no longer required.

What fuelwood can you take?

Reference your permit for specific requirements

Your permit is for dead trees. Do not cut live trees.

Do not cut trees marked with paint, plastic ribbon, and/or signs.

Dead trees provide important habitat for many species. Do not cut trees that have bird cavities (holes), nests, or show wildlife signs. Any wood larger than 7 inches in diameter at either end must be cut into 6-foot lengths or less.

Where can you cut fuelwood?

Reference your permit for specific requirements

Your permit is for removing fuelwood anywhere on the Rio Grande National Forest EXCEPT for the following locations:

- A timber sale or contract areas posted with signs.
- Areas signed on the ground as being closed to wood cutting.
- Wilderness areas, research natural areas, campgrounds, picnic areas, resorts, recreation management areas, wilderness study areas, or administrative sites.
- Within 100ft of riparian, wet areas, and bodies of water.

How much wood can I get, and what is the cost?

Each individual may purchase up to 20 cords of wood per year

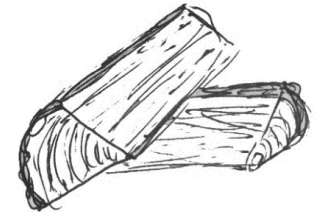
- Fuelwood costs \$2 per cord.
- There is a minimum purchase of \$20 (10 cords).
- Permits are valid until the end of the year (12/31).

Damaging the forest floor, vegetation, riparian areas, or road surfaces is prohibited.

How do you access fuelwood?

We recommend having and using the current Motor Vehicle Use Map while driving to your fuelwood cutting location.

- Vehicle travel is permitted for 300 feet off of roads shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Map, *only* if resource damage will not occur. Refer to your permit for limitations.
- Do not drive off roads in areas closed to motorized travel.
- Do not block roads during fuelwood cutting activities.
- Roads may be closed due to weather conditions.
- No equipment, including OHV's, is allowed for transport.



How should you clean up where you were working?

Reference your permit for specific requirements. In general, you may be required to:

- Cut all stumps to less than the maximum allowed height.
- Reduce slash to specified height or less.
- Remove slash from roads, shoulders, and ditches.

Refer to your permit for further information. You can also call or visit your local Rio Grande National Forest office.

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Del Norte, CO 81132

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(summer season only)
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