

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN!

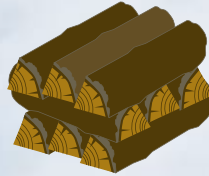
FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD



STEP 1

SPLIT

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inch wedges
- Split small pieces for kindling



STEP 2

STACK

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground by stacking it on rails
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down



STEP 3

COVER

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood – don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack



STEP 4

STORE

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Properly dried wood is lighter and sounds hollow when knocked against another piece of wood

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