

About the Office of Weights & Measures for Trumbull County, OH

The county auditor serves as the sealer of weights and measures for the entire county.

According to the Ohio Revised Code,
Section 319.55,

"The auditor shall see that all state laws relating to weights and measures are strictly enforced throughout their county and shall assist generally in the prosecution of all violations of such laws."

The County Auditor is the Sealer of Weights & Measures for all of Trumbull County. This includes protecting the consumer from any faulty weighing or measuring devices used during the sale of cut firewood within the county.

Yes, even firewood has a standard of measurement that we enforce.

This brochure is designed to answer basic questions concerning firewood purchases. Please follow the steps as shown to make an informed purchase here in Trumbull County.

If you are experiencing any issues with a firewood purchase, and the seller does not correct the problem on their side, please contact the Trumbull County Auditor's Weights & Measures Department, as shown below, and we will help you to remedy the situation.

Our department strives to ensure both the consumer, and the seller, are always getting a fair deal when making purchases here in Trumbull County.

Contact Us

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Monday - Friday | 8:30a - 4:30p

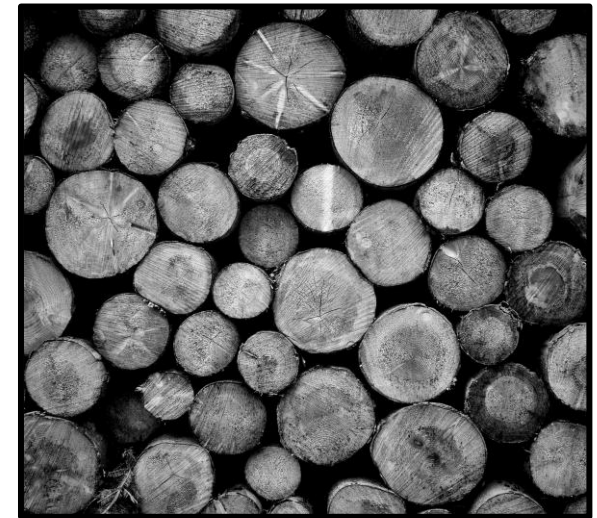
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Purchasing Firewood for Personal Use



Legal Requirements for Firewood Sales in Ohio

Trumbull County Auditor's
Office of Weights & Measures

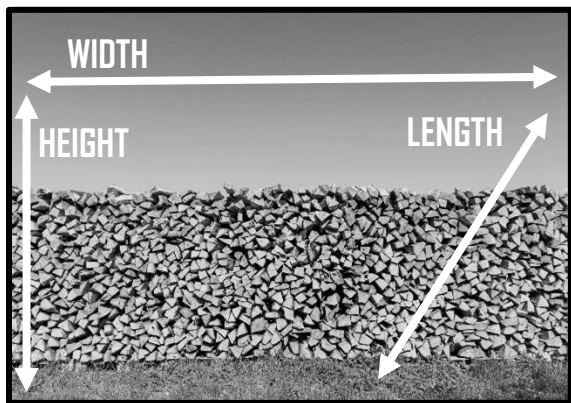


Before you purchase firewood...

What is a Cord?

Firewood is sold in a measurement called a "cord." A cord must equal 128 cubic feet.

To be sure you have a cord, stack the wood neatly by placing the wood in a line or a row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other. Make sure the wood is compact and has as few gaps as possible. Measure the stack. If the width (W) times the height (H) times the length (L) equals 128 cubic feet, you have a true cord of firewood.



This firewood is stacked neatly and evenly and will yield an honest measurement.

Remember, $W \times H \times L = 128$ cubic feet which could read as: $4' \times 4' \times 8' = 128'$ cu.ft.
or $2' \times 4' \times 16' = 128'$ cu.ft.
or any other variation that equals 128'.

That is a true Cord of wood.

Wood is sold by the Cord or fraction of a Cord...

A cord, like other measurements such as a foot, a gallon, or a ton, is defined by the law.

Sellers may not legally use terms such as truckload, face cord, rick, or pile as these terms have no legally defined meaning of measurement. You would have no way of knowing how much wood you are buying.

A quarter cord, half cord, etc., are legal firewood measurements in Ohio.

You get what you pay for...

Avoid sellers that use non-measurement terms such as truckload or pile to price their wood.

When ordering wood, tell the seller that you are aware that one cord equals 128 cubic feet and that you plan on measuring the wood upon delivery or pickup.

At delivery ask the seller to stack the wood or stack the wood yourself. Measure the wood stack ($W \times H \times L$) to check the total.

If this measurement is equal to or greater than 128 cu.ft. (or a fractional variation of this) accept and pay for the order as promised.

If these measurements fall short of your agreed terms, tell the dealer that you will make full payment when you receive the remaining portion of firewood you are owed or refuse the delivery altogether.

Get a receipt that shows the seller's name, address, vehicle license plate number, phone number, price, amount, and kind of wood that you were sold.

If you believe you have any other problem with your wood order, take pictures and contact the seller before burning any wood.



Firewood must be air-dried and have a moisture content value that is less than or equal to fifty percent (50%).