

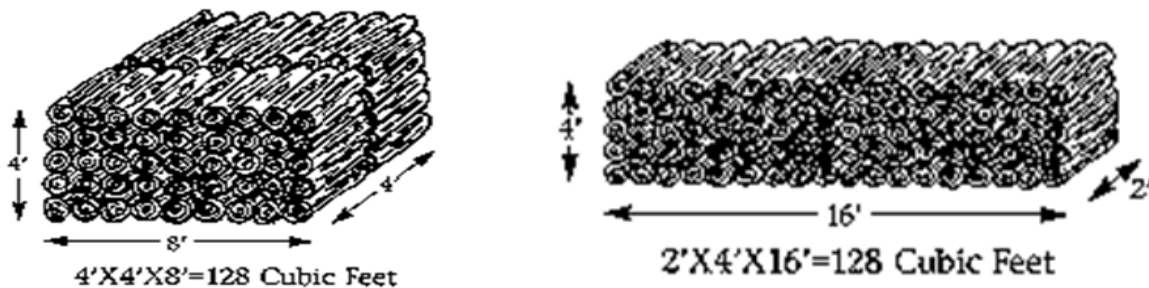
## How to Avoid Getting Burned When Buying Firewood

### What is a Cord?

- Firewood is sold by a unit of measure called a "cord."
- A cord is 128 cubic feet.

### Stacking a Cord for Measurement

- Place the wood in tightly stacked rows, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other
- Length X Width X Height = 128 cubic feet, you have a cord of firewood
- **Wood can only be sold by a cord or fraction of a cord**



### Words That May Indicate You Are Not Getting Proper Measurement

- A "cord" is a legal measurement, such as a "foot", a "gallon", or a "ton".
- Some misused terms "truckload," "face cord," "rack," or "pile".

### How to Protect Yourself When Buying Firewood

- When you buy firewood make sure to get a receipt!
- Receipt contents: seller's name, address, price per cord, total amount, and kind of wood
- If possible seller's phone number and license plate number of the delivery vehicle.
- Have the wood stacked (you may have to pay extra) or stack the wood yourself and measure the wood before using any.
- If you did not receive the correct volume, contact the seller before you burn any wood.

### If the seller can't or won't correct the problem:

- Document the shortage with picture.
- Contact your weights and measures office before you burn any wood.

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