



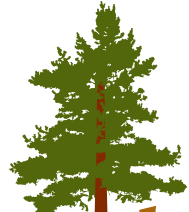
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Boulder County Community Forestry Sort Yard Cutting Guidelines

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Boulder County Forest Health Initiative

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Material that is dropped at Boulder County sort yards is sorted for burning, processing, or to be utilized in local wood markets. Currently over 90% of the wood that is consumed in Colorado is shipped in from out of state or Canada. A goal of our sort yards is to help shift this paradigm by sustainably cutting trees from our local forests to lengths that can be utilized in local wood markets to their highest value.

You can be part of the paradigm shift by referencing this handout and cutting trees to lengths that can be utilized to their highest value by Colorado wood markets. Please read the cutting guidelines outlined in this handout before bring material to the sort yard. To find the closest wood disposal collection site visit www.peaktopeakwood.org.

Important Steps

Steps to follow when cutting to create a fence post, pole, or saw log.

- Log must be straight
- Ends of logs must be cut square
- Limbs must be cut completely flush with the bark
- There should be minimal chainsaw scars, nicks, or cuts on the trunk of the tree



This is an example of what a finished log should look like.

Fence Pole Length and Diameter Requirements:

Log Length	Log Diameter
16 foot + 3 inches	2.5 inches and up
12 foot + 3 inches	2.5 up to 8 inches
10 foot + 3 inches	2.5 up to 8 inches

Fence Post Length and Diameter Requirements:

Log Length	Log Diameter
8 foot + 3 inches	3.5 up to 8 inches
6.5 foot + 3 inches	4 up to 7 inch

Saw Log Length and Diameter Requirements:

Log Length	Log Diameter
8 foot + 3 inches	10 inches and up
10 foot + 3 inches	10 inches and up
12 foot + 3 inches	10 inches and up
16 foot + 3 inches	10 inches and up

Aspen Log Length and Diameter Requirements:

Crooked logs are the norm.

Log Length	Log Diameter
8 foot + 3 inches	2 to 10 inches

For Additional Information:

Please visit: www.peaktopeakwood.org.

Things to Consider:

Branches Should be Cut Flush:

Trim branches flush to the trunk of the tree. There should be no deep chainsaw scars, nicks or cuts on the stem.



Remove Face Cuts:

Log ends must be cut square with face cut trimmed off. When measuring log length make sure to measure from square end to square end.



Firewood (chunk wood):

Firewood can be any species of tree. If it is not possible to transport logs in 8-foot lengths or longer then please cut logs into 16-inch firewood sized chunks. Ends must be cut square; limbs must be cut flush to the bark.

