

Plan Now For Next Year's Firewood Needs

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — You may have a good supply of wood left to carry you through this winter, whether you use a wood stove for heating or fireplace for enjoyment. But how about next year's supply? Rutgers Cooperative Extension specialists alert wood-burners that this is a good time to obtain your wood supply for next year, whether you buy it or cut it yourself.

If you purchase firewood, spring is considered to be "off-season" for

firewood sales. You may be able to get a better price toward spring, and especially if you buy in volume. You may also get a better price if you buy "green" wood. If properly stacked, it will dry out and be ready for burning next fall. There's time. Cut, split, stacked firewood can dry out adequately in six to eight months.

This goes, too, for cut-it-yourselfers. You may not relish cutting wood in cold, snowy

weather. Then hold off until very early spring as leaves emerge. A trick that a Rutgers expert passes on is to cut the trees down as soon as leaves develop, allow branches and top to remain on the tree for about a week. A significant amount of moisture will be drawn out of the trees by the leaves in continuing evapo-transpiration. After a week, proceed with normal topping, limbing, bucking and splitting.

Splitting is a drag, but it is essential to good drying. The more

surfaces you expose, the faster the drying. And you have to do it sometime to handle it conveniently.

A good way to split is to rent a mechanical splitter. They are readily available. To work it efficiently you will need at least one other person. In our household it's man and wife. It makes for a great day and real "togetherness."

It is possible to split a couple of cords in a day. Guaranteed you'll be tired come evening.

Hand splitting is a tough job. You should have a sizable splitting maul. Though heavy, it does make the job easier.

A trick picked up from a friend in New Hampshire is to use two automobile tires, stacked one on top of the other. Secure the tires together with three or four bolts through the sidewalls. Place your piece of wood to be split in the center, and split away. This will reduce wear and tear on the back and save time.

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Ag Hearings To Go On Road

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) in his first official appearance as chairman of the Senate Ag Committee, unveiled a plan to take ag committee hearings on the road beginning in February.

"To achieve a better understanding of the day-to-day problems facing farmers today I intend to hold a series of hearings in towns across the farm belt," he said. "But, don't expect a new farm bill this year. Even though there is consensus that farm income has been cut enough, federal expenditures for ag programs simply must be controlled. How to resolve these seemingly conflicting objectives is the challenge my colleagues and I will face in the coming months."

Spending Cuts

"While farmers ask Congress to put more money in farm programs, the Office of Management and Budget is telling Congress to cut farm program expenses," Congressman Ed Madigan (R-IL), House Minority Whip and ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, said at the Union Carbide workshop. "We'll be lucky if we're able to hold on to what we got. ASA is trying to get added support for soybean farmers. But, if we vote for more money to beans, that's less for something else and that's just not very likely."

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