

How to get free firewood

With winter comes the inevitable fact that the weather is going to get colder and colder with each passing day. Now, the easiest way to save money on your energy bills is to have fires in your fireplace. I know firewood is expensive, and it takes a lot of wood to warm your entire house; but do not fret.

The Low Down is here to save you money.

This winter, while you're sitting in your freezing home, there's a way you can get free firewood to turn your cold family room air into a warm tropical breeze.

Steal firewood from your neighbor. Now if you get away with the burglary you won't need an excuse why your arms are cradling your neighbor's expensive hard wood, but it's always better to be prepared.

There are many ways to go about being confronted, and we have taken the time to outline a few of our favorite techniques. Just in case you get caught in the act.

1. The Hippie Technique

This is a great all around technique and it's fairly simple to pull off. When your neighbor catches you with a wheel-barrel full of wood, they're probably going to ask something like, "What are you doing with my firewood?!"

Now, in order to pull off the Hippie technique, the proper response is basic. Simply reply, "Your wood? This isn't anyone's wood brother. Brother, these kind trees were sacrificed so you and I could warm our kind houses."

Helpful hints

- Wear a tie-dye shirt, preferably with the words: tour, Grateful Dead, Phish or Widespread Panic on it.
- Say words like kind, brother, sister and family as often as possible.
- If things start to go bad, ask for a hug and make for your front door.

2. The Stoner Technique

Since stoners say two out of four, or roughly 50 percent of people in this area are stoners, this is another technique you should easily pull off. The great thing about this approach is it can be used inside or outside of your neighbor's house.

When your neighbor asks the inevitable, "What are you doing with my firewood?" look completely confused. Pretend someone just told you The Terminator was elected the Governor of California, or some other incomprehensible bit of information. Stare at them with complete confusion, and ask, "This is your wood? I thought this garage looked a little different from ours. My bad bro."

Helpful hints

- Go swimming at a local pool before the heist and keep your eyes open under water. This will give your eyes that red coloring they need for dramatic affect.
- Say things like, "wow, really? no way," and "bro" as much as possible (bro can also be pronounced as bra or brah).

3. The Problem Solving Technique

Now if you do get away with successfully lifting your neighbors' firewood, but you're the only neighbor around for miles, you're faced with an entirely new problem.

How do you make it look like your neighbor's firewood supply is not steadily decreasing?

The answer is easy. Once the firewood is safely in your home, it's back to the scene of the crime. Take another arm full of wood, and lie it down in the snow. Next, take



snow and pack it down on top of the existing logs. Place the logs back on the pile once the snow has been packed accordingly. The goal is to replace each log you took with an equal amount of snow.

Helpful hints

- Use this technique within a day of a huge snowfall.
- Do not take too much wood at a time. Allow them to think they are burning the wood, this way they will be sure to restock.
- Wear mittens or gloves.

4. The Accused Technique

Never underestimate your ability to act innocent. Good Samaritans are hard to come by these days, so don't hesitate trying to sell yourself off as one.

When your neighbor asks what you are doing with their firewood, get original. Tell them you came all the way outside to brave the cold simply to dust the snow off of their woodpile. This will explain why you have an armful of their wood.

Or try telling them you're training for the Olympics and you're too poor to afford a set of weights. Tell them how nice they are for lending you their wood to train.

Helpful hints

- Sound sincere
- It helps for this technique if you are a complete smart-ass.

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Warning: This is for entertainment only! Do not, I repeat, Do not steal your neighbors wood.