

HOW TO KEEP YOUR FIREWOOD



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Last month The LowDown told all of its faithful readers how to get free firewood, a very important thing to know during these cold months. But what about all of the faithful readers out there who actually paid for their firewood, how do they protect it? Well The LowDown is here to give quick and easy ways to ensure no one will pinch from your woodpile.

1. The NRA Technique: The 2nd Amendment protects the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms. Hell, Bush even supports assault rifles. Take advantage of this fact, don't be the last one on your block to have a Mac-10. Haven't you ever seen Dirty Harry or better yet, Boyz in da Hood? Nothing strikes fear into the hearts of people stealing firewood like a good-old-fashioned automatic weapon being pointed at them from behind a woodpile.

Helpful hints

1. Look insane.
2. Say things like, "Break yo-self fool," or "Go ahead and steal my firewood, make my day." Or hold a piece of wood in one hand and your Mac-10 in the other as you see the thief approaching and say, "I have only five words for you: From my cold, dead hands."

2. The Barbed Wire Technique: It's pretty hard to steal an armful of heavy wood when each piece is wrapped in barbed wire.

Helpful hints

1. Wrap each piece in barbed wire and your done.

3. The Electric Fence Technique: Nothing says don't touch me like an electric fence surrounding a woodpile which is sitting under a dripping rooftop. Put a giant sign up that says, "WARNING: this woodpile is surrounded by an electric fence. If you try to steal my wood your ass is

going to get shocked- BIG TIME!"

Helpful hints

1. Make your sign visible and don't be afraid to utilize capital letters.
2. Have your fence produce a loud buzz so people know your not messing around with some low-voltage fence; show them you mean business.
3. Add special effects that produce sparks every few minutes so they won't even risk going within a few feet of your precious wood.

4. The Quicksand Technique: This is one way to catch the perpetrator in the act even if they're creepin' while your sleepin'. When they try to make off with your firewood they will begin to sink into the quicksand. Every time they struggle and try to free themselves they'll simply sink deeper into the quicksand.

Helpful hints

1. Dig a hole roughly five feet deep and fill it with sand.
2. Once it is filled with sand turn a hose on and stick it in the sand until the sand is completely saturated. Then you've got quicksand, I think. I don't really know I just read about it online and it sounds like it would work. Maybe you'd better stick to techniques 1-3.