



All packaged and bulk firewood offered, exposed, advertised or held for sale in Iowa must meet firewood labeling requirements. The required information must be included on the label of each package or the delivery ticket for bulk firewood.

Packaged firewood offered, exposed, advertised or held for sale must bear a clear and conspicuous declaration of:

- Identity of the commodity (e.g., ‘firewood’);
 - A declaration of identity may indicate species group (e.g. 50% maple, 50% oak);
- Net quantity in terms of cubic feet or cubic meters, including fractions. A cord is also acceptable, as it is 128 cubic feet, ranked and well stowed;
- Name and address of manufacturer, packer or distributor if the packages were not produced on the premises where they are offered, exposed or held for sale;
- Unit price; and
- Harvest location of the wood by county and state

Bulk firewood offered, exposed, advertised or held for sale must be accompanied by a delivery ticket containing the following information:

- Identity of the commodity (e.g., ‘firewood’);
 - A declaration of identity may indicate species group (e.g. 50% maple, 50% oak);
- Net quantity in terms of cubic feet or cubic meters, including fractions. A cord is also acceptable, as it is 128 cubic feet, ranked and well stowed;
- Name and address of manufacturer, packer or distributor who measured and distributed the firewood;
- Date delivered;
- Unit price; and
- Harvest location of the wood by county and state

Definitions.

- **Cord** – The amount of wood that is contained is a space of 128 cubic feet when the wood is ranked and well stowed. Ranked and well stowed means that pieces of wood are placed in a line or row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other, and stacked in a compact manner.
 - Commonly a tight stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long (4 X 4 X 8 = 128).
- **Firewood** – any kindling, log, board, timbers, or other wood, natural or processed, split or not split, advertised, offered for sale, or sold for use for fuel.

Prohibited terms.

The terms “face cord,” “rack,” “pile,” “truckload,” or similar terms shall not be used when advertising, offering for sale, or selling firewood.

Questions?

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