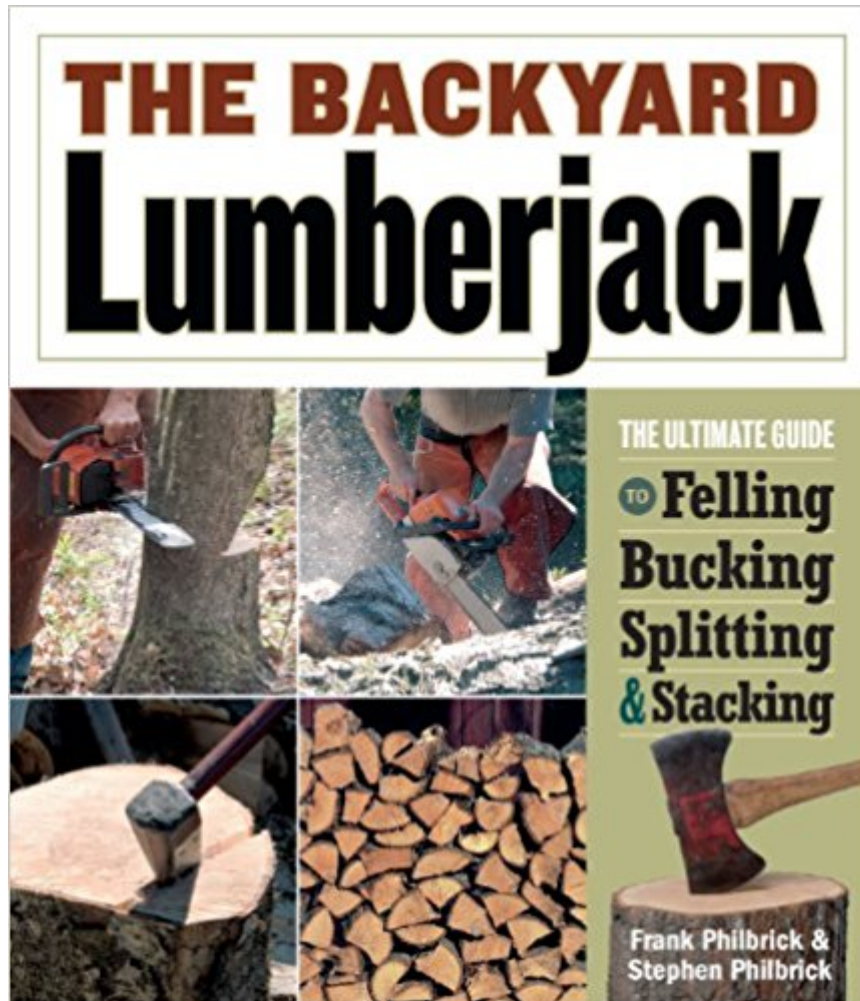




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The Backyard Lumberjack



Synopsis

Whether you're splitting a cord of wood for your fireplace or managing acres of woodland, *The Backyard Lumberjack* provides plenty of practical instruction and firsthand advice. Familiarize yourself with the proper equipment and safety gear, then learn how to fell, buck, split, and stack your own wood supply for the season. Veteran lumberjacks Frank Philbrick and Stephen Philbrick cover everything you need to know to bring a tree from the forest to your fireplace, safely and effectively.

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"It covers getting trees from forest to fireplace with such enthusiasm that you'll find yourself hankering to swing a maul." —Mary Beth Breckenridge, Akron Beacon Journal, Nov. 11, 2006
If your favorite wood-gatherer is getting a new ax or chainsaw this winter, make him read this book FIRST.
• Spokane Spokesman-Review — "an excellent guide to harvesting, splitting, stacking, and burning wood for fuel."
• BackHome Magazine

Frank and Stephen Philbrick, enthusiastic and skilled lumberjacks, explain what it takes to bring a tree from forest to fireplace. Part hard work, part pure chain saw satisfaction, *The Backyard Lumberjack* is your complete guide to bringing in the wood. **Felling:** It all begins here, where the chain saw meets the tree. Choose an appropriate wood source and bring it down safely. **Bucking:** Now that you've got the tree horizontal, work your way up the trunk, cutting it into stove-length

pieces.Â Splitting: Trade your chain saw for a maul and start swinging. You can't burn until you have split and dried your wood.Â Stacking: Decide which kind of woodpile works for you and stack it up. Keep in mind that the only goals here are to let the wood dry and to keep it from falling over. The level of artistry you bring to the project is up to you.Â Burning: Choose your heating method, lay a perfect fire, and feel the burn.Â It's all here, from choosing the perfect chain saw to managing a woodlot to safely enjoying the pleasures of a backyard bonfire. Just don't forget your safety gear!

This book was exactly what i needed. I'm from NYC and moved upstate to a house in the country with a wood stove. Heating oil was expensive, but wood was free and plentiful if you knew how to cut it. This book helped me to cut down trees and heat my house safely and effectively. A must for anyone who wants to harvest trees safely and effectively.

Good book, but some info on felling did not follow the pictures, so it was difficult to visualize the process. This book is worth a read but check the info with a experienced chainsaw user before following the info. No replacement for working with someone who is well versed in the use of a tool like a chainsaw.

Great read for those looking to start home heating with wood or for anyone that likes to read humorous family stories. The stories are great and the description and examples of tools and products are very good. Even if you are an expert there is something to learn in here. Great Read!

This is a very good choice for the backyard lumberjack. Perhaps I missed material on the various cut-wood handling devices available. The peavey(?) is mentioned, however. That is in my view, a very useful and important tool. I'd suggest exploring sites in the "northern" area of the country for specialized tools designed to save one's back and time. Humor in the book was appreciated; well done!

Here's some much to learn (and experience) for an urbinite like me who has retired to a rural farmhouse, heated solely by a wood stove. I enjoyed this father and son project with it's memories and antidotes. This book takes you from the very basics of tools to being an athletic pro and having fun all along the way.....

So great that it was read through in less than 4 days and has already prompted further book

purchases based on this books recommendations!

Read this previously at our local library. Great reference book for my home library. Great book for beginners like us to country living.

It starts with picking the tree, how to fell it and buck it and split it and stack it. Can it get more complete than that? I even appreciated the author's sense of humor. I sent a book to my father, He even learned a thing or two from it (so my step mother informed me). Don't know what fell and buck mean? Get this book.

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