

Dealing with the firewood

We burn wood in the fall, during the winter and into Spring (*shush – sometimes during a chilly June evening, as well*). Yes, the farm does have electricity. We try to heat primarily with wood during the winter months – less expensive, better heat – simple. Well, simple if one is up to back breaking work, wood ashes throughout the house and constant dusting (constant is some houses, not necessarily this one)!!! Burning wood also helps clean up the property with the amount of trees that decay or fall down from the winter winds.

Very early in the Spring, Jim often helps clean up softwood fall downs from the property.



By June, we usually have 4 foot lengths of good hardwood delivered from a woodlot, giving us the summer to get them ready.

Throughout the summer, along with the helpers, we get it sawed, split with the splitter, then piled.



Gerry, from BC – sawed 1 ½ cord of the hardwood for us while we were at market one Sat. Above, Gerry loads the splitter as the rest pile.



We all pose, just before taking a break.



More splittin' & pilin'



We had about a cord of hard maple millwood delivered in early Spring and will get it moved and piled when we can.



Hans & Jim come back up from the waterfront to see about the wood down there.



Young Richard from N.Z. starts to pile the millwood. It's small and odd sized – not easy.



Along comes our great friend, Pete, with the loader on the tractor. Seems this will make Rick's job a little easier as he won't have to haul it over to the other woodpiles by hand.



Rick keeps piling



Pete keeps hauling & Rick finishes piling. This millwood pile becomes the "Rick pile" for the rest of the year.



Later in the season, our dear friend, young Floyd, insists that we come down to his place and rid him of some extra softwood.



Wood being loaded from Floyd's onto a pickup to be taken to our farm.



The pickup arrives and is promptly dropped off in our yard – Jan & Elyse unload



Louise starts to plie



Last load from Floyd's

Below, Serge & Francine arrive in October to stack some in the front yard for Fall use



THANKS to all who help with this chore each year!!



These are the main woodpiles all ready and covered before the snow hits!!



This is what is left of the "Rick pile" by the following Feb.1



Jim never likes to see a tree have to come down because of damage



