



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are wood briquettes?

Wood briquettes are a recycled, pressure-formed alternative to traditional firewood.

2. How are wood briquettes made?

Wood briquettes are formed by using intense pressure to compress waste from woodworking and lumber processing industries. They are made of two things: sawdust and pressure. There are no chemicals or additives used in the making of wood briquettes. Specially designed briquetting machines are used to turn the processing waste into uniform shapes and sizes per each manufacturer's specifications.

3. What wood-burning devices can I use wood briquettes in?

Wood briquettes can be used in a variety of wood-burning devices that typically use traditional firewood. Because they do not contain chemicals or additives, some people use them in wood-fired cooking equipment. Wood briquettes CANNOT be used in pellet stoves.

WOOD BRIQUETTES CAN BE USED IN:

- Wood-burning stoves
- Fireplaces
- Fire pits and campfires
- Fire bowls
- Wood-fired cooking equipment such as charcoal (non-gas) grills and brick pizza ovens

4. Is special equipment required to burn wood briquettes?

Unlike wood pellets, no special equipment is required to use wood briquettes. In most cases, you treat briquettes just as you would traditional cordwood.

5. How do I set up and start a fire with wood briquettes in my fireplace, campfire, fire pit, or charcoal grill?

Generally speaking, you treat wood briquettes as you would traditional firewood, following these directions:

1. Build a briquette teepee on a base formation, just as you would with firewood.
2. Once your teepee is constructed, place newspaper or kindling in the opening at the base of the teepee and light it with a long match.

**When building your fire, remember to start small and add more briquettes only as needed.*



6. How do I set up and start a fire with wood briquettes in my wood-burning stove?

1. Stack briquettes in the fire chamber. Lay them flat, and be sure to pack them in closely together, but with some space between them for airflow. Be careful not to overload your stove or to stack briquettes near glass doors (if present).
2. Once you have the briquettes stacked as a starter layer, take two briquettes and construct a teepee on top.
3. Insert your kindling into the opening under the teepee and light it with a long match.
4. Once your fire is going, adjust your stove's airflow and add more briquettes as needed.

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7. Should I use lighter fluid on my wood briquettes?

To ensure proper safety and performance, it is recommended that you never use lighter fluid with wood briquettes.

8. How long do wood briquettes burn for?

While burn times may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, every two pounds of wood briquettes typically burn for about one hour.

9. How many wood briquettes do I need to equal a cord of traditional firewood?

One ton of wood briquettes is equal to one cord of traditional firewood, but one pound of briquettes provides 70% more energy than a pound of logs. Many customers find that a ton of wood briquettes typically lasts longer than a cord of wood because they are able to meter their fuel use easier.

10. What is the BTU value of wood briquettes?

Approximately 7,500 BTUs per pound.

11. Are wood briquettes better for the environment than traditional firewood?

Yes. Wood briquettes are better for the environment than traditional firewood for several reasons:

- Carbon-neutral biofuel
The carbon emitted while burning a wood briquette does not exceed the carbon consumed by the trees it came from
- Made from woodworking and lumber industry waste, briquettes don't require trees to be harvested
- Burn cleaner, with significantly less smoke, sulfur, and ash than cordwood

12. Where can I buy wood briquettes?

Wood briquettes can be found in many home improvement and hardware stores, wood stove dealers, and at several farm and outdoor supply retailers. You can also order wood briquettes online.