

Anglia Woodfuels Ltd

Preparing wood for chipping

- Wood should be cut in lengths of between 3m to 4m long. This length of timber can also be easily handled by harvesting and forwarding equipment.
- Maximum diameter is 15”.
- Wood should be stored in an open and preferably windy location.
- Store between 8 months and a 1 year for softwoods and between 18 months and 2 years for hardwoods.
- Wood should be stacked on a clean surface; a concrete surface is best and on bearers.
- Timber should be stacked no higher than 2m.
- Heaps should be ideally located close to where the wood is to be chipped and stored.
- It is recommended that wherever possible different species should be stored separately as this too will produce woodchip with more equable moisture content too. eg Pine and hardwoods separated.
- We strongly recommend that members invite Anglia Woodfuels advisors to view the chipping, take samples of the woodchip and to carry out moisture content tests. This research will be used to improve our knowledge and quality of woodchip produced.
- Wood that had been stored for more than two seasons can produce shattered chip with large amounts of dust. Some of this wood had high moisture content of over 40%.
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