



# FRONT RANGE LUMBER COMPANY

*The news you need to make your project a success!*

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Lumber Prices

Lumber is holding steady at this time after running much higher in the earlier part of the year, then falling dramatically in the May/June period. We anticipate these prices holding in this area until the snow flies, which will cool off demand (and create some tightening of supply).

## FRLCo NEWS

### Holidays

We will be closed all day for the coming fall holidays: Labor Day and Thanksgiving. We will be open regular hours before and after each of those holidays.

### We be social!

We are now using social media!

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## PROFIT SHARING

### FALL SALE – Trex

We're giving \$0.60 off a foot on all "Transcends" and "Tropical" Trex decking and \$0.40 off all "Select" Trex decking ending September 5, 2013. In addition, purchase more than \$500 in Trex decking and receive a chance to get a further rebate of \$500. This represents approximately 15-20% savings off our daily competitive price. Come by or call us for more details.

## PRODUCT NEWS

### TREX

To provide an even better performing decking material and ensure years of

use, Trex is replacing the "Accents" decking line-up after this year with their latest product – "Selects". Selects is a PVC capped (wrapped) around a wood/plastic composite core. This affords a more weather and damage resistant decking. The decking will come in both square edge style and grooved – for a hidden fastener. Selects is available in similar colors to Accents: Winchester Grey, Saddle, Woodland Brown and Madiera Red. An additional grey color was added in early summer – Pebble Grey.

Trex also has a great website – they've recently added the Trex Visualizer – an I-pad application you can download to mix and match different styles/colors of railing components to achieve your dream deck.

On our front porch, we have a couple pieces of Natural Trex (the original) installed on our porch. This product dates back over 12 years now. Although product evolution has brought us a wider range of colors; this is a testament to Trex's durability and appearance. On purpose, we haven't cleaned or otherwise "maintained" it - we've dragged wheelbarrows over it every day we're open – and we've had countless drops and other accidents onto its surface.

## BUILT RIGHT...

### TimBRRRr!

Be careful of the timbers you buy. In addition to the grade, MOST timbers are dried at the mill, but in many different manners creating many different cost layers with many different results in your project. This is a short review of those techniques commonly found in our area:

**GREEN.** Simply put, this means that the tree was cut down, the timber cut to size and then shipped. This generally leaves a timber most prone to twisting, warping, and checking (cracking).

**AIR DRIED.** The wood was literally left lying around to dry naturally for some period of time. Since most timbers come from the more humid northwest, timbers are not necessarily dried properly prior to coming to our "desert" area.

**RADIO-FREQUENCY DRIED.** These timbers are dried essentially by freeze drying them. This process occurs cheaply and quickly but many in the industry believe it damages the fibers of the wood.

**KILN DRIED.** These timbers are dried in a kiln to desired moisture content. Testing for moisture is performed by piercing a needle to a 1" depth. This may mean that the timber is still green at its core.

**CORE DRIED.** These timbers have been dried to their core, a much more lengthy, expensive and involved process. While these timbers perform better than any others, their availability is limited and their cost much higher.

Obviously, the drying options available to larger timbers are fewer than for smaller ones (12x12 vs. 6x6, for example).

Remember, **FRONT RANGE LUMBER** generally only stocks FOHC timbers – free of heart center. Any timber containing the center (heart) of the tree will ALWAYS crack radiating outward from that center. Other undesirable tendencies may also occur – excessive warp, twist, corkscrew, etc. Even though a timber having the heart center may be initially the "best" looking timber in the stack, it carries the almost guaranteed eventual excessive cracking predisposition.

## FUNNIES

### You asked...

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word *m'aidez* -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, round zeros on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in 1875, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q: Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would

only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary Queen of Scots went to as a young girl, Louis, King of France, he learned she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course built outside for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Q: Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches (milling), while pennies and nickels do not?

A: The Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave.

### Who said that?

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: Every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. —*John Glenn*

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them

we had the Bible and they had the land. —*Desmond Tutu*

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. —*David Letterman*

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire. —*Howard Hughes*

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box. —*Italian proverb*

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. —*Jean Kerr*

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage. —*Zsa Zsa Gabor*

You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't. —*Jeff Foxworthy*

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. —*Prince Philip*

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing. —*Emo Philips*

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself. —*Harrison Ford*

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree. —*Spike Milligan*

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke. —*Robin Hal*

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror. —*Jean Rostand*

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million. —*Arnold Schwarzenegger*

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea. —*W.H. Auden*

In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked. —*Jonathan Katz*

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. —*Johnny Carson*

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical. —*Arthur C Clarke*

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. —*Steve Martin*

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<i>You can count days or make everyday count.</i>							
<b>September</b>							
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labor Day (Front Range Lumber will be closed)						
8 <sup>th</sup>	National Grandparent's Day						
11 <sup>th</sup>	Patriot Day						
22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Autumn						
<b>October</b>							
<i>National Forest Products Week (20 to 26)</i>							
6 <sup>th</sup>	National German-American Day						
14 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day						
16 <sup>th</sup>	Boss Day						
31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween—watch for those kids!!						

<b>November</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daylight Saving Time Ends... <i>fall back</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day— <b>VOTE!</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day— <i>Thank you one and all!</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thanksgiving (Front Range Lumber will be closed)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Front Range Lumber will be OPEN normal hours
28 <sup>th</sup>	Hanukkah... <i>begins at sundown</i>
<b>December</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Winter solstice – shortest day of the year
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve (Front Range Lumber will close at noon)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day

	(Front Range Lumber will be closed)
	<b>Merry Christmas!!</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Front Range Lumber will open at 7AM (regular hours)
31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve (Front Range Lumber will close at noon)
<b>January</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day (Front Range Lumber will be closed)
	<b>Happy New Year!!</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Front Range Lumber will open at 7AM (regular hours)

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