



FRONT RANGE LUMBER COMPANY

The news you need to make your project a success!

INDUSTRY NEWS

Lumber Prices

Lumber rose steadily in price over the entire summer. Some economic improvement is driving this, but perhaps the bigger factor is very low inventories throughout the distribution chain. The result is everyone buying simultaneously and wanting delivery fast. Over the last couple of weeks, prices have settled downward based on lowering demand as we approach the fall/winter seasons. The “news” is all about RISING prices, but we remind you prices drift in *both* directions.

Steel has not been as volatile, meaning better stability on all metal products.

In partial contradiction to the rest of the marketplace, many drywall manufacturers are placing their customers on allocation. Our customers will generally not see any impact from this action, but expect another price increase in January.

Engineered wood products like wood I-joists, LVLs and the like saw another increase in late summer.

Please contact us anytime for updated pricing so you remain both competitive and don't sell yourself short.

FRLCO NEWS

Hollywood – Here we come!

We were fortunate to be invited by the City of Lakewood to create a short video about **FRONT RANGE LUMBER**. We highlighted post to beam connections (as in pergolas) in this video – you may want to watch it. The link is below or you can access it through YouTube and searching for **FRONT RANGE LUMBER**.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msYeIYr9gZc&list=PL1B57F3A7AA175242&index=1&feature=plpp_video

Holidays

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 22, 2012. We will maintain regular business hours before and after this holiday.

Doing more than just taking your order...

We work hard to meet your needs by providing product information, pricing, listening to your situation and having the type of materials you need. Many others take your order and your cash and then look to the next person in line. Rely on our staff and their expertise to help you through every aspect of your project.

Yard Safety

FRONT RANGE LUMBER'S yard is tight. We ask whenever you are in our yard to drive at a responsible speed and watch for pedestrians, forklifts, other vehicles and hazards. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Keeping Records

We receive many requests for invoice copies specifically in addition to all sorts of other “historical” documents. Virtually all these requests go back YEARS with few clues when/ where/ how to find them. Frankly, we're startled at most of these, as they indicate that many customers don't keep any/ few records. We urge you to retain your own set of records for tax, warranty, legal and informational use.

We be social!

We are now using social media!

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LIKE us on FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/frontrangelumberco

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KENT'S CORNER

Door Quality

One of my favorite topics is how manufacturers have responded to customer's demands for lower prices. So let me tell you how hollow core (HC) doors, for example, have changed. People bring in old HC doors that they want us to match. Often the new doors they buy today are of a much lower quality than the door they are replacing. The old HC doors (1950s and 1960s) often have an American union label on them. They are full of strips of wood to separate the “skins”. The edges are real, high-quality wood. Often these doors are heavy, feeling like solid core. The veneers (usually mahogany) are thicker than modern veneers, and usually gorgeous.

The new doors we can get, regardless of brand (but J** W*** are the worst), have many quality shortcomings. First, the long edges are low grade wood, often fingerjoint or hardboard. This gives a poor substrate for hinge screws to bite into and makes mortising for the edge part of a lockset difficult. The “rails” inside the top and bottom of the doors are as little as 5/8” wide, meaning that when you cut the HC to height, you hit air and have to “re-rail” the door (glue new rail into the opening.) Lock blocks are pieces of particle board inside the HC where lockset bores are usually bored. New HC doors normally have this on one side only, so be careful to check that before you start work. There should be “LB” stamped on the top of the door, with an arrow indicating which side the lock block is on.

Doors used to arrive full width, e.g. 30” wide. Now they most commonly arrive undercut and pre-beveled, which can save a step but is a big problem because the existing HC could be up to 1/4” wider. Remember that the inside of HC doors now is a little bit of cardboard, sometimes Styrofoam, so they will take

little abuse. And that is a big problem because we have seen the damage done by hormonal teenagers, inebriated spouses, and thunder-scared dogs!

TAKING STOCK...

Redwood

The quality of redwood continues to become more erratic and is commonly perceived as worsening. **FRONT RANGE LUMBER** is switching to B grade to preserve the best quality at an affordable price to our customers. B grade does allow for both heart and sap wood (red and white coloring) but limits the number of knots. We feel that for most uses, especially decks, this is a desirable change. When paired with regular use of a deck sealer/stain, it provides many years of naturally beautiful use.

By the way, **NOW is a great time to apply a coat of deck stain** for your redwood or cedar deck to protect it from the elements!

PRODUCT NEWS

TREX

Trex has announced the introduction of the latest in their tropical Transcend's collection: Tiki Torch – a red background color with streaking in the grain to mimic the rich look of tropical hardwoods. This ultra-low maintenance decking is part of the extensive decking products manufactured by Trex.

BUILT RIGHT...

Simpson Strongtie

Simpson has made various changes to their product line concerning post bases. They are discontinuing the AB and ABE series. The replacement product not only provides uplift (as codes coming into enforcement require), but is also less expensive!

Along the lines of joist hangers, remember it is important not only what you do but what you don't do. Follow nailing or bolt instructions carefully. On exterior applications, a hot dipped galvanized fastener is mandated. Don't bend, angle or cut a hanger unless explicitly allowed.

Remember **FRONT RANGE LUMBER** as your source for all timbers.

Lumber Care

By taking a few extra steps to preserve the quality of the material you purchase, you minimize waste and end up with a better result. A few are listed below:

- Stickers should be placed under everything; nothing should be on the ground. This minimizes damages to material and keeps it dry. On 8' material, use at least two stickers, on 10, 12' and 14' material use at least three stickers. On 16' use at least four. On 18' and longer, use at least five stickers. On long material (16' and longer) try to place stickers at each end, 3 or so feet in from each end and one in the middle. For example, on a 20' unit place stickers at approx. the 1', 5', 10', 15' and 19' marks.
- Leave material in our strapping as long as possible.
- Many boards can be "saved" from warping too far if flipped over, so that the "hump" is facing up.
- Pre-priming is a great idea – this seals the entire board, not just the surfaces that are exposed.
- Keep stacks flat and evenly stacked. Leaning and oddly stacked piles will encourage sagging and warping.
- Cover material with a tarp or similar item to keep rain and the sun from directly impacting the wood
- Virtually all wood siding items should be stored and allowed to acclimate at the site to reach a proper moisture level before installation.

CONSUMER NEWS

Why Choose Wood?

There is any number of reasons. The use of forest products in the United States currently supports more than one million direct jobs, particularly in rural areas, and contributes more than \$100 billion to the country's gross domestic product.*

Wood products make up 47% of all industrial raw materials manufactured in the United States, yet consume only 4% of the total energy needed to manufacture all industrial raw materials.**

Manufacturing wood is energy efficient. Compare the amount of energy it takes to produce one ton of wood to cement, glass, steel, and aluminum.*

- 5 times more for one ton of cement
- 14 times more for one ton of glass
- 24 times more for one ton of steel
- 126 times more for one ton of aluminum

Even producing wood-based buildings is more efficient:

Steel-based buildings require 12% more energy to produce and the process releases:

- *15% more greenhouse gases
- *10% more air pollutants
- *300% more water pollutants

Concrete-based buildings require 20% more energy to produce and the process releases:

- *29% more greenhouse gases
- *12% more air pollutants
- *225% more water pollutants ***

Sources:

*US Department of Agriculture

**APA–Engineered Wood Association

***Canadian Wood Council

FUNNIES

Things My Mother Taught Me....

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTION-ISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My mother taught me HUMOR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father."
23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite:

25. My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Only you folks my age understand these profound statements! But, there is one missing from this list. My personal all-time favorite!

My mother taught me about CHOICE: "Do you want me to stop this car?"

25 Best Quotes from American Soldiers

- 25) "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" William Prescott at the Battle of Bunker Hill
- 24) "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace." George Washington
- 23) "When this war is over, the Japanese language will be spoken only in hell!" Admiral Bill Halsey on December 7, 1941
- 22) "Nuts." The response of General Anthony MacAuliffe, when asked to surrender during the Battle of the Bulge, 1944
- 21) "I tremble for my country when I hear of confidence expressed in me. I know too well my weakness, that our only hope is in God." Robert E. Lee
- 20) "War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over." Gen William T. Sherman
- 19) "Of the Marines on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue." Chester W. Nimitz
- 18) "They've got us surrounded again, the poor bastards." Creighton W. Abrams, Battle of the Bulge
- 17) "Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here" Captain John Parker, 1775

- 16) "We have gone forth from our shores repeatedly over the last hundred years and we've done this as recently as the last year in Afghanistan and put wonderful young men and women at risk, many of whom have lost their lives, and we have asked for nothing except enough ground to bury them in, and otherwise we have returned home to seek our own lives in peace." Colin Powell
- 15) "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" Oliver Hazard Perry
- 14) "It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag." Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC
- 13) "I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way." John Paul Jones
- 12) "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" Admiral David Glasgow Farragut
- 11) "I have only two men out of my company and 20 out of some other company. We need support, but it is almost suicide to try to get it here as we are swept by machine gun fire and a constant barrage is on us. I have no one on my left and only a few on my right. I will hold." Clifton B. Cates, Belleau Wood, July 1918
- 10) "Yonder are the Hessians. They were bought for seven pounds and tenpence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it. Tonight the American flag floats from yonder hill or Molly Stark sleeps a widow!" John Stark at the Battle of Bennington, 1777
- 9) "God damn it, you'll never get the Purple Heart hiding in a foxhole! Follow me!" Henry P. Crowe

- 8) "Victory was never in doubt. Its cost was...What was in doubt, in all our minds, was whether there would be any of us left to dedicate our cemetery at the end, or whether the last Marine would die knocking out the last Japanese gun and gunner." Major General Graves B. Erskin in reference to the Battle of Iwo Jima
- 7) "Come on, you sons of bitches! Do you want to live forever?" Dan Daly, WWI
- 6) "Don't you forget that you're first Marines! Not all the communists in Hell can overrun you!" Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Puller when surrounded by eight enemy divisions
- 5) "Get there first with the most." Nathan Bedford Forrest
- 4) "It is fatal to enter a war without the will to win it." Douglas MacArthur
- 3) "I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continued bombardment for twenty-four hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded surrender... otherwise the garrison is to be put to the sword if the place is taken. I have answered the summons with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat." William B. Travis, Alamo
- 2) "If you kill enough of them, they stop fighting." Curtis LeMay
- 1) "No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country." George Patton

They left out one...

"Where in the hell did all these Indians come from?" Gen. George Custer

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<i>You can count days or make everyday count.</i>							
November							
4 th	Daylight Saving Time Ends... <i>fall back</i>						
6 th	Election Day- VOTE!						
11 th	Veteran's Day- <i>Thank you one and all!</i>						
22 nd	Thanksgiving (Front Range Lumber will be closed)						
23 rd	Front Range Lumber will be OPEN normal hours						
December							
9 th	Hanukah begins						
21 st	Winter solstice – shortest day of the year						
24 th	Christmas Eve (Front Range Lumber will be closed)						
25 th	Christmas Day (Front Range Lumber will be closed) Merry Christmas!!						
26 th	Front Range Lumber will open at 7AM (regular hours)						
31 st	New Year's Eve (Front Range Lumber will close at noon)						
January							
1 st	New Year's Day (Front Range Lumber will be closed) Happy New Year!!						
2 nd	Front Range Lumber will open at 7AM (regular hours)						

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