



FRONT RANGE LUMBER COMPANY

The news you need to make your project a success!

FRLCO NEWS

Anniversary Delivery Charge

Throughout 2015, we're honoring our 50th anniversary (1965-2015) with a \$19.65 delivery charge. Use our trucks to get your materials to your jobsite safely and easily – in a timely basis.

Safety

In the interest of safety, please wear appropriate footwear when coming to the store. Avoid simple injuries by *NOT* wearing flip-flops, sandals and similar footwear.

We also ask you consider the size, weight and length of your potential purchases in light of your vehicle's capacity and your ability to adequately secure and transport the load.

50th Anniversary

FRONT RANGE LUMBER has been here 50 years and we've reflected on all the changes from 50 years ago. Here are just a few:

- Everything was "hand"-drive – no gun nailers.
- All wood products were "natural," not "engineered."
- Composite was a fancy word used by professors. Now there's composite siding, decking, metals, etc.
- Waferboard products weren't high quality or structural or practical.
- Plaster and lath... need we say more!
- Treated lumber came in one color—green—and it was ugly!
- Manual cash registers weren't antiques.
- All our accounting was by hand with long calculator tapes for double checking.
- All delivery trucks were manual transmissions.

- Speed dialing was fast fingers on the rotary dial!
- Everything was handled by hand.
- Hardwood floors were "standard."
- Directions were often necessary as Google wasn't even a gleam in someone's eye.
- Mahogany, birch and oak were heavily used on doors and interior trims and moldings.
- Single glazed windows were common.
- Asbestos siding was commonly used.

Product Care

We constantly work to improve the manner in which we handle merchandise to maintain the best in quality and appearance. Probably the best change is switching from metal banding to a nylon strapping which is safer, more visible, and easy for all in use. Some other important changes we've made more recently include the following:

- Cardboard corners on the corners of loads under the strapping.
- Plastic over-wrapping on cedar, redwood and other key products.
- End sealing many products to minimize cupping and cracking.

Holidays

We are all looking forward to the summer. We will be closed all day for the summer holidays: Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day. We will be open regular hours before and after each of those holidays.

We be social!

We are now using social media!

FOLLOW us on TWITTER:

www.twitter.com/frontrangelumber

LIKE us on FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/frontrangelumberco

FOLLOW our BLOG:
frontrangelumber.blogspot.com

KENT'S CORNER

Internet Etiquette

I'd like to share some thoughts on Internet etiquette. In my job, it has become necessary to send an e-mail about 10 or 20 times a day. I know some of you text and e-mail all day, but many rarely or never do. In construction, many of us live in a world of mud, pencils, and ladders so electronic devices can actually be a hindrance!

Here are some thoughts from my readings and experiences:

- E-mails can save you time for getting me sizes for windows and other info. Now that fax machines are fading away, printed e-mails give us the means to order correctly. This gives us an important written record.
- I find that some contractors are shy to admit that they never check their e-mails. There is no shame in this; us older guys have a hard time learning these new things, much less finding time for them. Just ask my dad how much he loves computers!
- Some e-mails I get have so much extra info that they hurt my brain. Others, usually sent from Smart phones, have too little info.
- I usually call people by phone to make sure they received an e-mail. This is mainly to make sure that they understand that the ball is in their court.
- Often we hear that our e-mails went to a "junk" file. Obviously this causes problems when something does not get ordered in a timely fashion.

I am not a know-it-all on this subject. As we know, it is best to get your kid to help you – they're the experts anyway!

PRODUCT NEWS

KDAT

In treated lumber, we've switched over in most sizes to a better version. This wood from Weyerhaeuser lumber mills has been specially cut to reduce warpage. As a part of the overall process, the lumber is then *kiln dried after treatment* (hence KDAT) to remove most of the moisture from the wood and further reduce warpage. The end result is treated wood that is much lighter in weight and more stable in storage and after installation. Each board is scanned electronically and an arrow printed on the board to provide the optimum installation placement. You can check out more details on our website, including the warranty extended by Weyerhaeuser Company.

Trex/Simpson Trailer

FRONT RANGE LUMBER is holding a special event from June 24th to June 27th. Representatives from **Trex Company** and **Simpson Strong-Tie** will be present to answer all your questions and offer product knowledge. During this period, we're offering \$0.40 off per foot on Trex Select decking products and \$0.60 off per foot on Trex Tropicals and Transcends. Finally, we'll deliver all Trex materials at NO charge (\$250 order minimum) during this time.

BUILT RIGHT...

Camo Deck Screws

We've carried the brand for a while and strongly endorse using this hidden fastening system, especially on wood decks. Very reasonable priced, the simple tool/jig holds the screws in place during installation while spacing the deck planks properly. The end result is a clean appearing deck without marring the wood. The simplicity of the system married with the ease of use makes deck board installation a breeze.

PROFIT SHARING

Saving Money

We've given many suggestions in the past to save money on your projects. In time for summer and gardens, we suggest you use special items we've purchased for this use – 6x6-4' and 2x8-6'. At a cost that's very easy on the pocket book, these natural cedar items are great for garden bed applications – no chemicals and naturally resistant to rot.

TAKING STOCK...

Hog Panels

Wild Hog Railing is a clear choice for deck railings. With a special primer coating, then powder coated; these panels will provide a long maintenance free life. The welded wire panels come in silver and black, in 6' and 8' lengths.

CONSUMER NEWS

Lakewood Concert Series

FRONT RANGE LUMBER is sponsoring the *Sounds Exciting Summer Concert Series* being held at Lakewood's Lakewood Heritage Center amphitheater. These six concerts run on Wednesday evenings starting on June 24th. Join us there and enjoy an evening of music and relaxation on the beautiful grass slopes. Tickets may be purchased online, by phone at 303-987-7845 or 303-987-7850 or in person at Lakewood Cultural Center or Lakewood Heritage Center. For more information, go to <http://www.lakewood.org/summerconcerts>

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<i>You can count days or make everyday count.</i>							
June							
14 th	Flag Day – fly 'em!						
21 st	Fathers' Day						
21 st	First day of summer						
24 th	Belmar Concert						
25 th - 27 th	Front Range Lumber's Trex and Simpson event.						
July							
4 th	Independence Day (Front Range Lumber is closed)						
8 th	Belmar Concert						
15 th	Belmar Concert						
22 nd	Belmar Concert						
26 th	Parent's Day						
29 th	Belmar Concert						
August							
1 st	Colorado Day						
21 st	Senior Citizens Day						