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Table of woods and their (burning) use.

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A table of some european woods and their burning qualities.

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In general:

Hard woods : Good heating power, slow combustion.

Tender woods : Average heating power, quick combustion.

Resinous: High heating power, very quick combustion.

Please try to avoid sparking, and splitting or exploding woods, as they are dangerous.

Tree	Heat	Flame	Smoke	Embers	Use	Combustion	Wood
False Acacia (robinier in French)	good	sparkling, explodes	feable	average	cooking, heating	average	hard
Alder	good	lively	feable	average	starting fire, light	quick	tender
Aspen	feable	lively clear	feable	feable	starting fire, light	quick	tender
Ash	very good	lively	average	very good	cooking, heating, light	slow	hard
Beech	very good	lively, clear	feable	good	cooking, heating, light	slow	hard
Birch	excellent	lively, clear	average	good	starting fire, lighting	quick	tender
Chestnut	average	sparkling, sparks, expodes	average	average	cooking, heating	average	hard
Elm	very good	small	feable	good	cooking, heating	slow	hard
Fir	average	sparkling	abundant	feable	starting fire, light	quick	resinous
Hornbeam	excellent	dansing	feable	good	cooking, heating	average	hard
Larch	average	clear, lively, lots of sparks	average	feable	starting fire, light	quick	resinous
Lime	average	clear	feable	feable	starting fire, light	average	tender
Maple	average	sparkling	none	good	cooking, eating	slow	tender
Oak	excellent	clear	none	very good	cooking, heating, light	very slow	hard
Olive	excellent	short	feable	very good	cooking, heating	slow	hard
Pine	average	sparkling, clear	abundant	feable	starting fire, light	quick	resinous
Poplar	feable	lively, clear	feable	feable	staring fire, light	quick	tender

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Plane-tree	average	explodes	feable	average	starting fire, light	average	tendre
Spruce	average	sparkling	average	feable	starting fire, light	quick	resinous
Walnut	average	short	feable	good	cooking if well dry	slow	hard
Willow	feable	lively,clear	feable	feable	starting fire, light	very quick	tender

Please feel free to contact me by email, or in the comments of this articles to add missing woods you have knowledge of.

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