

Cook County Boards

Boards can be produced from any kind of tree, but Spruce and Ponderosa Pine are the two most commonly used. Both of these species have strong, beautiful characteristics, yet there are some differences found within these two. Ponderosa Pine tends to have larger knots, but these knots are spread throughout the lumber. While Spruce has smaller, tighter knots, these are more consistent throughout the boards. For these reasons, Ponderosa Pine is easier to stain, but Spruce accepts a pattern more readily. While boards are mostly used for trim work and fascia: small craftsmanship is also another common use.

Spruce

Sizes: 1x2, 1x3, 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, 1x10, 1x12
Lengths: 6' thru 16'
Grades: #2, #3
Key Mill: Gorman

Pine

Sizes: 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, 1x10, 1x12,
5/4x4, 5/4x6, 5/4x8, 5/4x10, 5/4x12
Lengths: 6' thru 16'
Grades: #2, #3
Key Mills: Ochoco, Plum Creek, Stimson



Please note: We also sell boards in select grades, please see Selects section for details.



Did you know?

Gene Wengert, former professor at Virginia Tech, researcher at the US Forest Products lab and recognized expert on lumber drying, stated in a recent issue of FDM magazine, "**As a general rule of thumb, kiln-dried lumber shrinks or swells in width about 1% for every 4% moisture content change for flatsawn, or about 1% for a 7% change with quarter sawn (vertical grain) lumber.**"