

## Woodpile

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Amphibs, reptiles, insects and other animals live in woodpiles (dead woodpiles in German). As thicker as the wood is the better it is suited.

Especially sunlit wood serves food, safety and heat for lots of animals. For example, lizards love to sunbath on woodpiles. In addition to that hedgehogs, toads or even insects stay in the ground or woodpiles during the winter. In parks the wood, which is left on the ground often is cleared away. This hurts the animal diversity. A woodpile can help a usual garden to protect our animals better. They are easy to build, we just have to put dried wood to a pile and let nature do the work.

### *Hedge:*

Wood can be placed as a pile in the garden or built as a hedge. We build them with 2 parallel branches stucked in the soil and then we put the wood between them. In this process we have to make sure that they have a distance of about 1m and that they are deep enough. The stacked branches or wood pieces shouldn't stick out at the sides.

### *Hedgehogs:*

In autumn the food gets less for hedgehogs. Because of this they try to gain more weight. An ideal winter place for hedgehogs is made out of leaves and wood. They look for ground temperatures of about zero degrees and save themselves in mud holes. Animals which are get seen in winter don't have to be saved. To help them we can put fresh food or dried food outside, but it's not necessary at all, because they find enough themselves. The best thing to do is to build a woodpile in your garden and let them do their thing.