

Fireplace & Woodstove Etiquette

Follow these clean burning tips to heat your home more efficiently and protect yourself and the community from the harmful effects of wood smoke!

Burn only "seasoned" and dry firewood.

Don't Burn: garbage, plastics, Styrofoam, rubber, waste solvent, paint, oil, treated wood, particle board, plywood, driftwood, coal and charcoal, and colored or glossy paper. They can produce noxious, corrosive smoke and fumes which may be toxic to your family and pets.

Build a small, HOT fire first to preheat the firebox and chimney.

Maintain your fire properly and refuel while the coals are still hot.

Watch for smoke signals. If you see smoke out of your chimney, adjust your dampers or air inlets to let in more air. The darker the smoke, the more pollutants it contains.

Once you are done with the fire, ensure it is put out completely. A smoldering pile of ash is a major contributor to indoor and outdoor air pollution.

Make sure to inspect and upkeep your chimney once a year.