



Many Americans burn wood to heat their homes and to enjoy a warm, cozy atmosphere. Help reduce air pollution from wood smoke and burn wood more safely and efficiently by following a few easy tips.



Burn it Smart!

Enjoy the fire, reduce the smoke!



Wood is a natural, renewable fuel source. When used properly, wood can provide warmth, comfort, and energy independence.



BURN SMART...

- Use only high-efficiency wood stoves and fireplaces certified as "low emissions" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Not only do these new hearth appliances burn safer and cleaner, which reduces air pollution, they also save you money.
- More efficient than older models, high efficiency products use up to a third less wood, and there is virtually no creosote buildup, so cleaning is easier and your chimney stays safer.

AND SAVE...

- Because EPA certified woodstoves, fireplace inserts, and fireplaces use less wood, you can save hundreds of dollars a year and reduce the time spent cutting and handling wood.
- With non-certified wood heaters, a lot of energy is lost in the smoke. EPA certified hearth appliances actually burn the smoke as more fuel which will add more warmth for your home.
- EPA certified wood heaters are dramatically more effective and use 25-33% less wood.

REMEMBER...

When you choose to enjoy the warmth, romance, and safety of a wood fire...

- Look for low emission woodstoves, fireplace inserts, and fireplaces to save you time and money, burn clean and safe, and do your part to reduce wood smoke in your neighborhood.



When choosing to enjoy a traditional fireplace:

1. *Build small, hotter fires.*
2. *Use only clean, dry seasoned split logs or manufactured logs.*
3. *Mix soft woods with hardwoods for long cooling ember beds.*
4. *Burn only dry, seasoned wood.*
5. *Never burn household garbage, plastics or chemically treated paper or cardboard.*
6. *Do not burn chemically treated, painted or stained wood from construction sites or driftwood found on the beach.*
7. *Always follow your state & local regulations and programs.*

GET NEWER TECHNOLOGIES...

When it's time to upgrade your traditional open burning fireplace or replace a non-EPA certified woodstove or insert with clean burning technologies...

- Choose from EPA certified wood heaters or equally clean burning wood pellet stoves and inserts.
- You may also want to select environmentally friendly gas log sets or gas fireplace inserts.

GO TO THE PRO...

- If you purchase a new woodburning appliance, make sure that it is the right size for your home or room and that it is installed by a professional.
- New stoves and fireplace inserts should be professionally installed by a technician certified under the National Fireplace Institute® (NFI) program.
- These NFI certified installers and chimney sweeps holding CSIA Certification have passed a rigorous training program that is recognized by the industry, as well as by state and local governments.
- No matter what type of fireplace or stove you choose, hire a professional to inspect and clean it at least once a year.

