

Safe & Efficient Woodburning



Get the best from your wood stove

The key is to only burn well seasoned firewood. Splits in the end grain are a good sign. Only burn wood that is under 20% moisture. To check, chop a log and test one of the open faces with your moisture meter.



Lighting the fire

To light your stove, open up the air vents. Scrunch up some newspaper or use a firelighter, some softwood kindling, and then a few bigger bits on top.



Add a few bigger logs when it is going well. When these have caught you can shut down the primary air and control the stove using the secondary air control. Wait until the fire has burnt down to a bed of glowing embers before adding more wood. Open up the air vents to help the new fuel catch, then turn them back down again once the

logs are merrily blazing
away.



Don't slumber burn or turn the stove down for the night – that will just tar up your chimney and blacken the glass. When the stove is hot aim to always have visible flames. If your glass does tar up then, when the stove is cold, a little ash on a damp cloth does the trick nicely. When the stove is burning properly (other than when it is first lit or reloaded) there should just

be a heat haze coming from the chimney. If there is lots of smoke then it isn't burning properly.



A certain amount of ash in the stove forms an insulated bed which helps the wood to burn well. Just remove some ash when it starts to get in the way, there is no need to clean all the ash out every day if you are burning wood.

Remember to sweep your chimney at least once a year.

Now just sit back, relax and
enjoy the curling flames.



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