

# Dos and Donts

**Burn it hot  
to burn the lot**

Cleaner efficient burning is mostly about burning temperature, particularly when burning wood. Small, low temperature long burning fires are bad news for air quality.

## Do

- ✓ Bring the stove to operating temperature quickly and try to keep it there.
- ✓ Use dry wood - 20% moisture or less (look out for the 'Ready to Burn' logo).
- ✓ Use manufacturer's recommended fuels.
- ✓ Sweep your chimney regularly. A professional sweep can give lots of useful extra advice.
- ✓ Store and stack your logs so they are well ventilated.
- ✓ Use a thermometer, moisture meter and stove fan to help improve efficiency, save money and reduce pollution.
- ✓ Fit a carbon monoxide alarm. This has nothing to do with how the stove burns, it's just common sense.
- ✓ If you have an older or inefficient stove or one that's too powerful, consider replacing it with a modern efficient model. You'll instantly begin to save money and burn cleaner.



## Don't

- ✗ Don't close off the air to 'slumber' the fuel for long periods or overnight. Even closing the air a "bit" much will create some unnecessary pollution.
- ✗ Don't use large logs - 5 inch / 125mm diameter is best.
- ✗ Don't burn wood or coal on open fires in Smoke Control Areas.
- ✗ Unless you have just lit or just refuelled the fire, don't allow smoke to come from the top of the chimney.
- ✗ Don't buy a stove which is too big (too powerful) for the room. You'll get too hot and be likely to shut the air controls too much. The burning temperature will drop, fuel is wasted and pollution increased.
- ✗ Don't be tempted to fit or alter any part of a chimney or solid fuel system yourself - it's far too easy to get something wrong.
- ✗ Don't mix smokeless fuel and wood as you won't get the best from either and it can create problems.
- ✗ Don't burn plastic waste or treated waste wood. It stinks and it's toxic.

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