

# Let's clear the air

## Tips to keep your woodburner burning warm and clean

The key to staying warm without creating pollution-causing smoke is all in how you use your woodburner.

The most important things you can do to help reduce winter air pollution are to use dry, untreated wood, and keep your fire burning hot and bright.

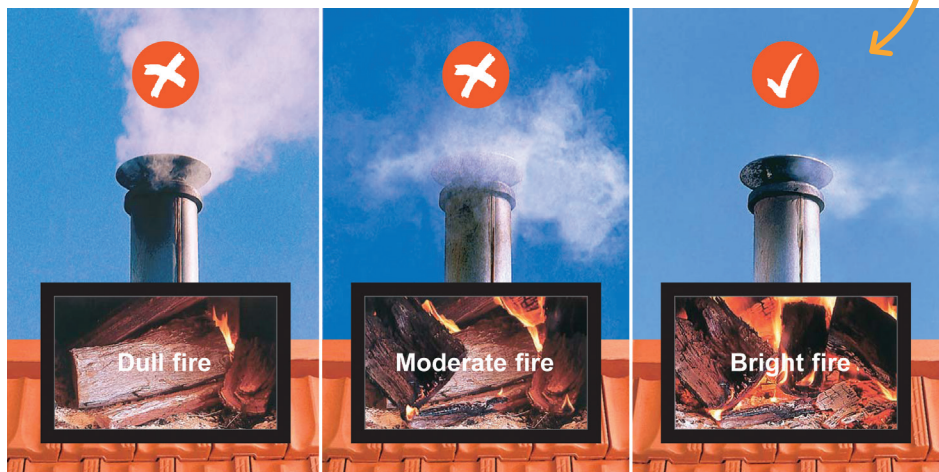
### LIGHT YOUR FIRE:

- Use enough paper and kindling.
- Just put a little firewood in at first.
- Stack wood loosely so air can circulate.
- Always use dry wood – burning wet wood is bad for your burner and your health.
- Keep the air control vent open for 20 – 30 minutes.

### KEEP IT BURNING BRIGHT:

- Build it up slowly.
- Burn small logs rather than a single large log.
- Open the air control vent to high (20 – 30 minutes) when you add logs.
- Position wood to allow air flow around the base of the fire.
- Don't let it smoulder – open the air control vent to encourage bright flames.
- Avoid burning rubbish, plastics, glossy paper, treated or painted wood – they release toxic chemicals.

Your fire should look like this if it's burning efficiently – bright swirling flames, red glowing embers and little or no smoke.



## Look for the Good Wood tick

Summer is the best time to buy and store your firewood, so you have dry, seasoned wood ready for next winter.

When you choose a Good Wood supplier, you're opting for a trusted source of dry firewood that will burn well, helping to keep your home warmer and our air cleaner.



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Bay Firewood	027 769 6348
Buyright Firewood	021 127 8957
Richmond Wood	03 544 6473
Wai-iti Wood Supply	03 541 8579 or text 021 0293 6400
Wholesale Firewood	027 922 9611

## What you can expect from a Good Wood supplier

- Dry seasoned firewood for immediate use OR
- Unseasoned or wet wood delivered far enough in advance for it to season before use.
- Information on proper wood storage and better burning tips.
- A moisture meter available to measure the dryness of your wood.
- A written description of the wood, including recommended storage time before use.

### STACK IT RIGHT

**SPLIT AND STACK** YOUR WOOD IN A **CRISS-CROSS** PATTERN FOR GOOD AIR FLOW AND KEEP IN A **COVERED, DRY PLACE OFF THE GROUND** WITH GOOD VENTILATION



### CLEAN YOUR FLUE

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AND TO KEEP YOUR BURNER **RUNNING WELL**



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