



Good Wood

Your guide to good wood

Enjoy the heat not the smoke

It's all about minimising the emissions from your fire. Using firewood from a **Good Wood** supplier is one way of making sure you have more heat and less smoke.

A good fire means much cleaner, healthier air. Not only that - it saves you money.

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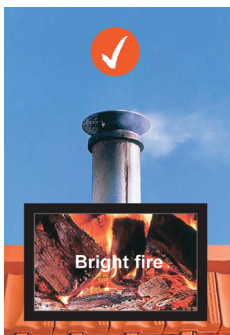
Your **Good Wood** supplier will make sure you have all the information you need and will make sure you get **Good Wood**.

The way to store wood

- Store wood in a dry place and stack it off the ground to let dry air circulate around it.
- Cover the tops of firewood stacks to protect from rain.
- Store wood outdoors through the summer. Your **Good Wood** supplier will tell you how long to store it before it will be suitable for burning. It may take 6 - 12 months to season depending on the type of wood.

Better burning tips for a good fire

- Use lots of crumpled paper and small kindling - build it up slowly.
- Use dry and seasoned wood of a good size (15 cm across or smaller). Get wood from your **Good Wood** supplier, they measure how much moisture is in the wood before delivery.
- Add wood to the fire when it is still burning well and position it carefully so there is enough air to circulate around the logs.
- Make sure it is not overloaded or dampened down too much.
- Keep air flow high enough to allow the fire to burn brightly. The glass door should be kept clear of soot build up.
- Don't bank up the fire and turn air flow down overnight. Keep a supply of kindling and newspaper handy for a quick start in the morning.



Results: very little smoke and a bright hot, fire

Trying your best but it's too smokey?

- Check your chimney for smoke - if there's still smoke about 15 minutes after adding wood then your wood isn't burning properly.
- Check the 'better burning tips' again.
- Try smaller bits of wood.
- Don't use wet wood – take in some to dry by the fire before putting it on.
- You may be using unseasoned wood.
- When you start your fire always leave air controls open for at least 30 minutes. This helps build up a high temperature which makes the wood burn well. Do this again when you add more wood.
- If these handy hints don't reduce the level of smoke seek advice from your woodburner retailer or **Good Wood** supplier.



Regular things to check:

- Is the flue clean? Get it cleaned at the start of every winter.
- Are you operating the burner correctly – have you read the instructions?
- Remove cold ash from the base of the fire.

Did you know?

- One of the worst things you can do is dampen down your fire and let it smoulder overnight.
- You should not use your burner to dispose of your rubbish.
- You should not burn plastic, electrical cables, treated timber and fibreboard, rubber products, waste oils, glossy advertising paper, asbestos products, or radioactive materials. Burning these is prohibited under the Council Plan and can damage your fire.



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