

Wood Stove Safety



Wood stoves cause more than 4,000 house fires every year.



Smoke from wood stoves can contribute to asthma and other illnesses. A properly installed, correctly used, EPA-certified wood stove should be smoke free.



Before you light your fire, make sure you're safe.



Before you burn

- ✓ Check your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detector, and fire extinguisher.
- ✓ Only burn completely dry wood. Never burn garbage, plastic, or pressure-treated wood.
- ✓ Keep flammable material at least 3 feet from stoves or vents.
- ✓ Kids and animals should stay away from hot surfaces.

When the fire is done

- ✓ Make sure ashes are completely cool before disposing of them in a closed container.
- ✓ Ask a professional to clean your chimney and vents — and repair or replace them if needed.

Check out our [Safety Tips page](#) for more safety information.

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