

Indoor burning in the Bay of Plenty



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Preparation and making the most of your firewood

- Source your firewood early! Wood takes at least 12 months to dry properly.
- Split logs to a maximum thickness of 15 centimetres.
- Store your firewood carefully and stack it off the ground in a criss-cross pattern to let the air circulate.
- Always have the top of your wood covered for weather protection.
- Store more wood than you think you will need & consider ordering your next season's firewood when you have used half of your existing wood pile.

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Tips for lighting and burning fires

- Clean your chimney before you light your first fire - your burner will run better and heat your home faster.
- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper (or fire-starters) and small kindling. Only add larger pieces of wood once the fire is established.
- Keep air controls set high enough to keep your fire burning brightly. Fully open the vents when lighting or adding more wood.
- Never burn wet wood, coal, rubbish, plastics, glossy paper, treated or painted wood - they release toxic chemicals and/or excessive smoke.
- Don't bank up your fire and shut down the vents overnight - a slow smouldering fire creates lots of extra smoke.
- Dry firewood burns hotter and will keep you and your family warmer.
- ALL fires produce smoke. A well-operated fire reduces smoke and improves the air your community breathe.

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