

HAVE YOU GOT THE FIREWOOD IN?

A shed full of dry firewood is like money in the bank, and can give you the security of knowing your home will be warm and dry when winter bites.

The problem with waiting until winter to get firewood is that often there is very little or no dry firewood available, and what is there is expensive.

Burning damp or wet wood with a moisture content greater than 25% is illegal and usually results in smoky chimneys, clogged up flues, complaints from neighbours and risks the attention of compliance officers. The best time to buy firewood was yesterday. Act now and get stacking!

Be aware that not all firewood is equal.

Buy from a Good Wood Supplier for quality dry firewood.

Bay Firewood - 027 769 6348

Buyright Firewood - 021 127 8957

Quality Firewood - 027 449 0622

Richmond Wood and Coal Limited - 03 544 6473

Wholesale Firewood - 03 546 9595 Or 027 922 9611

It's best to avoid buying from roadside suppliers, or buying wood sold as "rain wet" as you may find that it is too wet to burn until the following year, and burning it could result in complaints from neighbours.



WHAT IS THE BEST WOOD TO BUY?

Not all firewood is created equal. Softwoods such as pine and Douglas fir dry faster and are great for starting fires.

Hardwoods such as gum (eucalypts) and manuka take much longer to dry, in some cases up to five years, but they burn hotter and produce more heat.

Avoid woods like old-man pine, it contains lots of resins, and no matter how dry it is, or what type of fire you burn it in, it will still create lots of black smoke. The resin clog up flues, which affects the performance and risks chimney fires.

WHO'S GOT THE BEST LITTLE WOODSHED?

Nelson City Council's Best Little Woodshed competition is on now and we're keen to see your woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution.

With prizes including firewood and chimney cleans or checks, previous competitions have seen some wonderful, creative and efficient solutions to storing wood, and we hope to see more of the same this year.

Common themes have been the use of recycled materials; converting space around the house or garden into wood storage areas; quirky design ideas and sheds with intricate systems to store different sized pieces of wood separately.

Our neighbours at Tasman District Council are also running the competition this year, with the same criteria for entrants in that region.

Last year's winners, father and son team Avner and Emanuel Nahmias, built a stylish and unique shed with a curved roof made entirely from recycled materials.



Environment Committee Deputy Chair Brian McGurk said the bar was set high by past winners.

"Getting your firewood early and storing it properly, are key elements to helping keep your home nice and warm and contributes to improved air quality."

The competition closes on 9 March 2020. For more information visit:

nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright

WHAT NOT TO BURN?

As well as being prohibited, burning the items below puts polluting chemicals into the air.

- Wood from building sites or skips. These woods usually contain some sort of chemical treatment.
- Treated timber, plywood, particle board, MDF, or painted timber.
- Plastic, household rubbish, disposable nappies, and glossy magazines.
- Driftwood from the beach – the salt in the wood causes your firebox and flue to corrode

If you become aware of illegal burning, or if smoke is creating a nuisance in your neighbourhood, phone Council on 546 0200 or Freephone pollution hotline 0800 NOPOLLUTE or 0800 667 655.

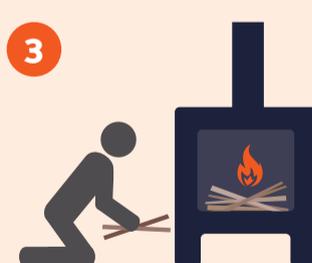
5 EASY STEPS TO A SMOKE FREE WOODBURNER



1 Stack dry wood under shelter with plenty of good ventilation



2 Have your flue professionally cleaned and your woodburner checked



3 Use lots of newspaper and dry kindling to light the fire



4 Let the fire get going well before you add more wood



5 Check for smoke after 15 mins to make sure you are burning right