

Keeping Nelson's air clean takes a joint effort between Council and residents. We all have a role to play in making sure that everyone has access to affordable home heating, and that our air is clean and healthy to breathe.

Everyone wants to be warm and cosy in the winter without wasting wood or electricity, and everyone wants to breathe clean, smoke free air. Council and residents can each have a big impact on Nelson's air quality.



## WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING?

### EDUCATION

Council provides education and advice on using woodburners, heat pumps and on insulating your home through its Eco-building advisory service. We encourage the use of ENERGY STAR® qualified heat pumps or modern ultra-low emission burners that emit less smoke than older burners.

Council's Eco-adviser visits community groups, retirement villages, refugee communities and special interest groups to talk to them about how to stay warmer for less money and burn smoke free. He can also visit individual homeowners to help with specific issues.

Council's Good Wood scheme helps people source dry wood for woodburner.

### COMPLIANCE

Our compliance role involves investigating complaints against properties with smoky chimneys. This is usually an educational visit to see if we can help stop unwanted smoke. Most people find that they are able to solve the problem with one visit. If you need more help, Council can advise on getting your flue and burner checked.

### MONITORING

Council has monitoring stations in each of Nelson's four airsheds, and has just installed a fifth in Dodson Valley. We monitor air quality against national environmental standards and report on this annually. Monitoring allows Council to track progress towards air quality goals.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Using your heat pump properly will keep your house warmer and drier, and help us create a sustainable city by using less power.

Using your wood burner efficiently will save you money, as wasting fuel is like burning your hard earned cash.

### THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO ARE:

- Buy your wood from a Good Wood supplier.
- Make sure your fuel is dry and well stored.
- Make sure your woodburner is working properly.
- Light and use your fire the Burn Bright way (visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search = woodburner tips).
- Talk to your neighbours if you see a problem with a smoky chimney – often a quick chat is better than making a complaint.
- If the problem persists, contact Council and our officers will visit.
- If you have a heat pump, use it on the most efficient settings and clean the air filters regularly.

### Council



### Residents

