

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.

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.

MONITORING

Council has monitoring stations in each of Nelson’s four airsheds. 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?

- Buy your wood early 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/burn-bright).
- 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.

nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright

HAVE YOU RUN OUT OF FIREWOOD?

A cold snap in spring is not unusual but can be a pain if you have used all your dry wood.

If you have to buy more at this time of year to tide you over, avoid roadside sales and go to a Good Wood supplier – make sure they know

you want wood that can be burnt straight away and ask to see the moisture content of the wood you are getting.

Now is a good time to plan ahead by ordering next year’s wood well in advance, so you have it in the shed before Christmas. You’ll get the good early season’s prices, and avoid the late rush and damp wood in your fireplace.



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