

Save money!

Five easy ways to make your wood fuel last longer



1. Keep your wood dry

- Split wood before you stack it. Wood pieces 3 ½ to 6 inches in diameter dry easiest and burn best.
- Stack wood loosely in alternating directions to help it dry.
- Store wood at least 6 inches off the ground.
- Cover your wood.
- Give it a year. Wood that has been split, dried, and stored under cover for at least a year burns best.

2. Burn with care

- Build small fires to help the wood burn completely. Adding too much wood at one time cuts down on the air to the fire and leaves you with unburned wood.
- Keep your fire hot. Dampering down your stove just cuts off the air, which wastes wood, creates a lot of smoke, and produces very little heat.

3. Check your chimney smoke

- If you can see smoke coming from your chimney, you're wasting fuel and your fire needs more air.

4. Use the right wood stove or fireplace for your home

- Use a wood stove or fireplace that is certified in Washington, the right size, and properly installed. For details, go to the Department of Ecology web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/airhome.html and click on the wood stove/fireplace photo.

5. Obey burn bans

- Go to www.waburnbans.net to see if there is a burn ban where you live. If there is, don't burn. Burning during a ban can harm your family's health or cause a fire danger.



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