

# Heating Your Home



## It's getting colder!

Here are some easy ways to keep your house warm while keeping those lungs healthy!

### Get Ready



Start the fall season by choosing an **EPA-approved wood-burning stove or fireplace insert feature**. Cleaner wood-burning stoves can reduce your fuel bill in addition to exposing you to less harmful toxins.

### Choose Wood Wisely



Burn only **dry, well-seasoned wood** that has been split properly. Season wood outdoors through the summer for at least 6 months before burning it. Store wood outdoors stacked neatly off the ground with the top covered.

### Do Your Housekeeping



**Replace your air/furnace filter** every month during the heating season to maintain the safe and efficient operation of your heating equipment.

### Avoid Wax and Sawdust



**Do not use logs made from wax and sawdust** in your wood stove or fireplace. If you use manufactured logs, choose those made from **100% compressed sawdust**.

### Start it Right



Start fires with **newspaper, dry kindling, and all natural or organic fire starters**. Never start a fire with **gasoline, kerosene, or charcoal starter**.



Use the **Low or Warm settings** on your water heater. This will improve efficiency and prevent scalding accidents.



**Caulk, weather-strip, and insulate** openings such as doors, attics, windows, plumbing penetrations, and electrical outlets.

### Get it Hot



**Build hot fires;** they eat up carbon monoxide and other pollutants.

### Maintain Proper Airflow and Remove Ashes



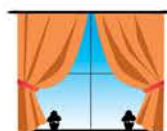
**Remove ashes** from your appliance and **keep the doors** of your fireplace **closed**. Harmful chemicals, like carbon monoxide, can be released into your home.

### Know What Not to Burn



**Never burn:** garbage, leaves, cardboard, plastics, magazines, boxes, wrappers, driftwood, plywood, particle board, wood with glue, or wet, rotted, diseased, moldy, or coated, painted, or pressure-treated wood.

### Keep the House Safe



**Keep all flammable household items**—drapes, furniture, newspapers, and books **far away from the appliance**.

### Stay Informed



**Do not use fire pits on poor air quality days.** Remember to check the air quality forecast before you burn at [www.cleanairpartners.net](http://www.cleanairpartners.net).

Visit [CleanAirPartners.net](http://CleanAirPartners.net) to get daily AirAlerts and discover additional steps you can to protect your health and improve our region's air quality this fall and winter season.