

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



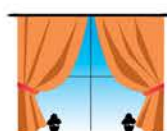
Remove ashes from your appliance and **keep the doors** of your fireplace **closed**. Harmful chemicals, like carbon monoxide, can be released into your home.

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.

Visit 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.