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Use social media to share these safety and health tips throughout the burn season. Simply cut and paste or modify to create your own. Or, link to the EPA Burn Wise **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages, where we post tips throughout the season.



Thinking about starting up your wood stove? EPA's Burn Wise program can help you "learn before you burn." Watch this award-winning video and look at the tips online for burning the right wood, the right way, in the right wood-burning appliance. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ev4XogvRbME>



Starting up your wood stove or fireplace? Learn from someone else's mistakes in this video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ev4XogvRbME>



Watery eyes, stuffy nose or chest tightness? All of these are symptoms of an occasional winter cold, but they may actually be due to breathing wood smoke. Learn more to better protect your health. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health>



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Do you know if your firewood is dry enough to burn efficiently? There's a simple way to find out. For around \$20 you can buy a moisture meter. Dry wood burns hotter, and hotter fires provide more heat and are smokeless-- ultimately saving you time, energy and money. This video shows how to use a moisture meter: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM2WGgRcnm0>



Is your wood dry enough to burn? Dry wood creates a hotter fire, saving wood, time & money. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM2WGgRcnm0>



True or False: You shouldn't burn ocean driftwood. The answer is True! Burning saltwater driftwood, treated lumber and garbage can damage your stove and cause serious health problems. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



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What do two pieces of properly dried wood sound like when knocked against each other? They should sound hollow! EPA's Burn Wise program wants to remind you to burn only dry seasoned wood that burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption and reduces the amount of smoke your appliance produces. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



Strike 2 pieces of firewood together. If dry enough to burn, they'll sound hollow. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



True or False: Wet wood is a waste. The answer is True! Never burn wet wood in your fireplace or wood stove. By burning dry firewood, you can save money and protect your family's health.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo1--Zrh11s>



T or F: Wet wood is a waste to burn in your woodstove or fireplace. True!
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Start it right! Be sure to use only clean newspaper or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter, or a propane torch. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



Use newspaper & dry kindling to start a good fire in your woodstove or fireplace:
<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



Don't let the fire smolder! Once you've enjoyed the warmth, many people think they should let a fire smolder overnight. But a smoldering fire produces less heat and more smoke and creosote buildup.
<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



Done with your fire in the wood stove or fireplace? Don't let it smolder.
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Millions of Americans heat their homes with wood stoves, but nearly 5 million of those stove are older, and are not EPA-certified stoves. Learn more about saving time, money and cleaner burning at
<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/choosing-wood-burning-appliances>



DIY tips to lower woodstove & fireplace pollution & save you money.
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EPA-certified wood stoves are up to 50% more energy efficient and use 1/3 less firewood than older stoves. That's more heat in your home and less fuel for your fire. Need to replace your old, inefficient stove? Find an EPA-certified stove. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/choosing-wood-burning-appliances>



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What do these three things have in common: a smoldering fire, "dirty" glass doors, and/or smoke from the chimney? They are all signs that your woodstove fire likely needs more air or your wood is too wet.
<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>



Smoke from your chimney may mean your fire needs more air or the wood is too wet.
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 There are four easy steps to dry wood for your fireplace or wood stove: Split, Stack, Cover and Store! All firewood should be split, stacked with the top covered and stored for 6-12 months. Learn more tips for this winter's burning season from EPA's Burn Wise program. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo1--Zrh11s>

 Split, stack, cover & store! If you heat with wood, follow these steps to burn wise this winter! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo1--Zrh11s>

 Now is the time to clean ashes from your wood-burning appliance. Excess ashes can clog the air intake vents, reducing efficiency. Dispose of ashes and flammable materials in a metal container away from the house to reduce the risk of fire. <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-installation-and-maintenance>

 Ready for the holidays? Clean the ashes in your wood-burning appliances! <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-installation-and-maintenance>

 Don't risk a chimney fire! Never burn Christmas trees in a wood stove or fireplace. Also, don't dispose of wrapping paper in your wood stove or fireplace--it can cause high flames and emit toxic fumes. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>

 Keep the holidays safe- don't burn your tree or wrapping paper! <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>

 Keep your chimney clean! A clean chimney provides good draft for your wood-burning appliance and reduces the risk of a chimney fire. Have a certified professional inspect your chimney once a year. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/epaburnwise/5690512251/in/set-72157626737949205>

 Is your chimney clean? Call a certified professional. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/epaburnwise/5690512251/in/set-72157626737949205>

 Be a good neighbor. Follow best practices for burning wood. Always remember to comply with state and local codes and check your local air quality forecast. Burn Wise! <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-where-you-live>

 8.5 million stoves provide heat in the U.S. Find out about codes in your state: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-where-you-live>

 It's a new year, and now's the time to upgrade to cleaner, more efficient equipment. Gas, wood pellet stove and EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts burn cleaner, burn more efficiently, and emit less particle pollution than older non-certified models. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-types-appliances>

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 Are you aware that you can use a fireplace retrofit device to reduce pollution by 70%? Learn more about these EPA-qualified devices. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/list-qualified-fireplaces-fireplace-retrofit-devices>

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 Let Burn Wise help you live healthier! As you continue to use your wood stove or fireplace for the rest of the year, turn to Burn Wise for do-it-yourself tips to lower wood stove and fireplace pollution while saving you time, energy and money. <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health>

 Smoke smells good, but it's not good for your health. For potential health effects: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health>

 It's never too early to think about preparing your firewood for next burn season. Build a wood shed with these easy-to-follow plans. <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/woodsheddiagram.pdf>

 Keep firewood dry with easy-to-follow wood shed plans- <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/woodsheddiagram.pdf>

 Looking to replace your old outdoor hydronic heater? EPA-certified hydronic heaters can generate more heat and reduce pollution by 70% if operated properly. <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/list-epa-certified-hydronic-heaters>

 Choose a cleaner burning EPA-certified hydronic heater: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/list-epa-certified-hydronic-heaters>