BURNING ISSUES

Wood smoke contains substances that can harm respiratory health. Take precautions when burning.

Burn the right wood.
Hardwoods are the best. Never burn trash or treated wood.

Season all firewood.
All firewood should be split, covered and aged for at least 6 months.

Start it right.
Use only clean newspaper or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter or a propane torch.

Don't let fire smolder.
Letting a fire smolder overnight does little for heating and pollutes the air.

Keep your chimney clean.
A clean chimney produces good draft and reduces the risk of chimney fires. Have a professional inspect your chimney once a year.

Upgrade equipment.
EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts burn cleaner and more efficiently emitting less particle pollution than older models.

To learn more about fire safety:
visit the DEP’s webpage
www.nj.gov/dep/baqp/woodburning.html
visit the EPA’s Burn Wise webpage
www.epa.gov/burnwise

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