



# 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](http://www.nj.gov/dep/baqp/woodburning.html)  
visit the EPA's Burn Wise webpage  
[www.epa.gov/burnwise](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise)



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