

## Get ready for cooler weather!



Although we're still enjoying sunny days the nights are cooler, so it's time to start thinking about winter warmth for you and your family.

There are lots of things to do to make sure your house is as warm as possible for the chilly months. How you use your woodburner can play a big part in that.

Here's some things you can do before winter to make sure you and your family are toasty warm:

### Be a bright burner

- Buy your wood from a Good Wood Supplier.
- Buy your wood as early as possible.
- Store it under cover, in a well ventilated space.
- Install a heat-saver flue.
- Get your flue cleaned and your wood burner checked.

And you can also:

### Check your home's insulation

If you are in a rental home, your landlord must disclose whether the home is insulated. All rental homes should have been insulated in the ceiling and underfloor, where reasonably practicable. Visit [tenancy.govt.nz](http://tenancy.govt.nz) for more information.

See if you are eligible for an insulation grant from Warm Up New Zealand – visit [energywise.govt.nz](http://energywise.govt.nz) for more information.

### Stop the draughts in your house

- Check door hinges and catches or latches are fitting snugly.
- Add weather stripping to seal gaps around doors, windows and ceiling hatches.
- Seal door or window trims with clear or paintable sealant.
- Fit draught excluders for gaps under doors.
- Replace damaged rubber seals around aluminium joinery.
- Check recessed downlights for air leakage.
- Install floor-length lined curtains, or add a fleecy blanket behind your existing curtains to keep the warmth in.

### Install a heat pump

- Heat pumps are cheaper to run than woodburners when used correctly.
- They produce instant heat.
- For many people they can be cleaner and easier to use.
- Make sure you install the right size for the space you want to heat.
- Check the energy rating of different models before you buy – the more stars, the more energy efficient.

Find out more at:

[nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright)

## Wood burner know-how

It's not too late to install a wood burner for the winter, but it's good to do your homework before you buy.

### Compliance and certification

Check the regulations for your airshed to find out whether you can install a wood burner or Ultra-low emission burner (ULEB) in your home.

You can find out which airshed you are in here:

[nelson.govt.nz/airsheds-map](http://nelson.govt.nz/airsheds-map)

And you can find out the rules for your airshed here:

[nelson.govt.nz/burners-for-beginners](http://nelson.govt.nz/burners-for-beginners)

### Type of burner

Council has a list of approved burners on its website, including solid fuel burners, pellet burners and ULEBs. Check the burner is on this list before you buy it:

[nelson.govt.nz/approved-burners](http://nelson.govt.nz/approved-burners)

### Size of burner

It's a good idea to match the size and heat output of the burner with the size of the space you need to heat. Look for a low Particle Emission Factor (PEF) and a high Space Heating Efficiency (SHE).

### Building consents for wood burners

Remember you do need a building consent to install a wood or pellet burner. Contact Council's duty building officer for help and advice about how to apply.

Phone **03 265 6983** or email [duty.buildingofficer@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:duty.buildingofficer@ncc.govt.nz).

Building Consent



## Burn Bright Autumn update

Managing air quality is important as poor air quality increases the risk of serious respiratory infections. Council is already receiving smoky chimney complaints so please check your chimney to make sure that your fire is burning cleanly.

If you need firewood to burn this winter you'll find your nearest Good Wood supplier at [nelson.govt.nz/good-wood](http://nelson.govt.nz/good-wood).

Now is a good time to check out some great hints and ideas from Energywise on heating your home.

Go to [genless.govt.nz](http://genless.govt.nz) for more info. You'll also find a handy Winter Heating Guide at:

[consumer.org.nz/topics/winter-heating-guide](http://consumer.org.nz/topics/winter-heating-guide)

