

# DO'S & DON'TS



Do	Don't
Bring the stove to operating temperature quickly and try to keep it there	Don't close off the air to "slumber" the fuel for long periods or overnight
Use dry wood – 20% moisture or less	Don't use large logs – 4 to 6 inch / 100 to 150mm diameter is best
Use manufacturer's recommended fuels	Don't burn wood or coal on open fires in Smoke Control Areas
Sweep your chimney regularly. A professional sweep can give lots of useful extra advice.	Unless you have just lit or just refuelled the fire, don't allow smoke to come from the top of the chimney
Store and stack your logs so they are well ventilated	Don't buy a stove which is too big (too powerful) for the room. You'll get too hot and be likely to shut the air controls too much. The burning temperature will drop, fuel is wasted and pollution increased
Use a thermometer, moisture meter and stove fan to help improve efficiency, save money and reduce pollution	Don't be tempted to fit or alter any part of a solid fuel system yourself – it's far too easy to get something wrong!
Do fit a Carbon Monoxide alarm. This has nothing to do with how the fire burns, it's just common sense	Don't mix smokeless fuel and wood, you won't get the best from either fuel
If you have an older or inefficient stove or one that's too powerful, consider replacing it with a modern efficient model. You'll instantly begin to save money and burn cleaner	Don't burn plastic waste or treated waste wood. It stinks and it's toxic