

WOODSTOVE MAINTENANCE GUIDE



Increasing Fire Safety
and Fire Prevention in
Nishnawbe Aski Nation

TIPS FOR
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USING YOUR
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WOODSTOVE
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SAFELY
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WHAT TO BURN

PROPERLY SEASONED & DRY WOOD



WHAT NOT TO BURN

- ❌ TREATED WOOD
- ❌ DRIFTWOOD
- ❌ TRASH
- ❌ ARTIFICIAL LOGS
- ❌ COMBUSTIBLE FLUIDS
- ❌ ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING ZINC, SULFUR, LEAD, OR PLASTICS



BURNING ANY OF THESE PRODUCTS MAY RESULT IN TOXIC FUMES AND/OR A CHIMNEY FIRE

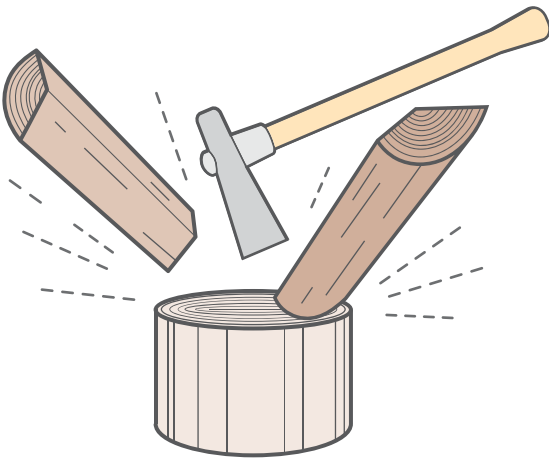
BE AWARE...

- Read your woodstove Owner's Manual for safe operation
- Don't over fill the stove, practice safe burn techniques
- Signs of a good burn
 - Less smoke the better
- Have a working carbon monoxide alarm in your home



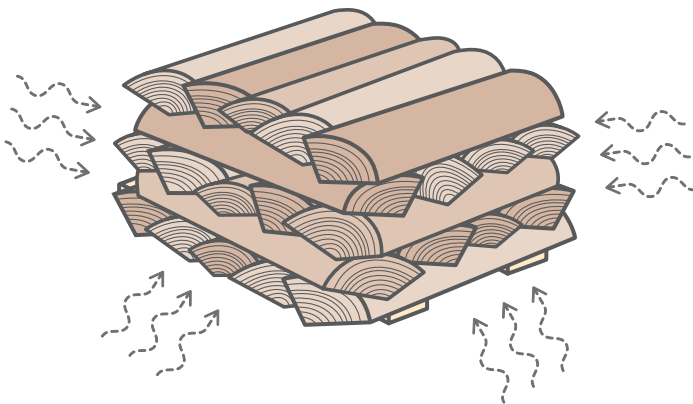
HOW TO SEASON YOUR WOOD

- 1** SPLIT THE WOOD SO THAT IT WILL FIT IN YOUR STOVE AND DRY FASTER (NO MORE THAN 6 INCH WEDGES)

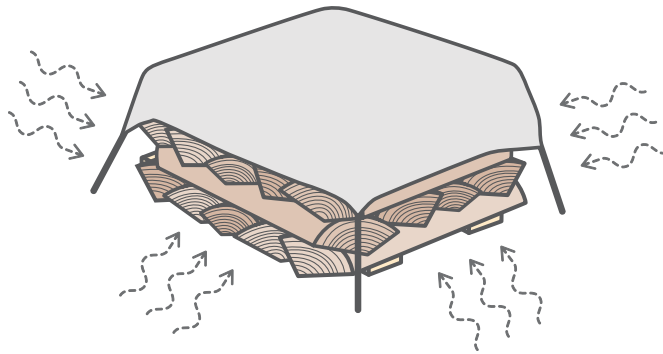


- 2** STACK THE WOOD IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS AIR TO CIRCULATE

- Keep the wood off of the ground and a distance away from buildings



- 3** COVER THE WOOD TO PROTECT THE WOOD FROM RAIN OR SNOW
- Ensure that the cover does not rest directly on the wood
 - Keep the sides open to allow for air circulation



- 4** ALLOW THE WOOD TO DRY FOR THE PROPER AMOUNT OF TIME

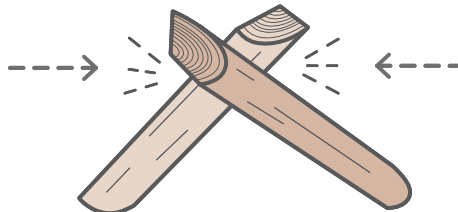


FOR SOFTWOODS
E.G.: PINE, SPRUCE

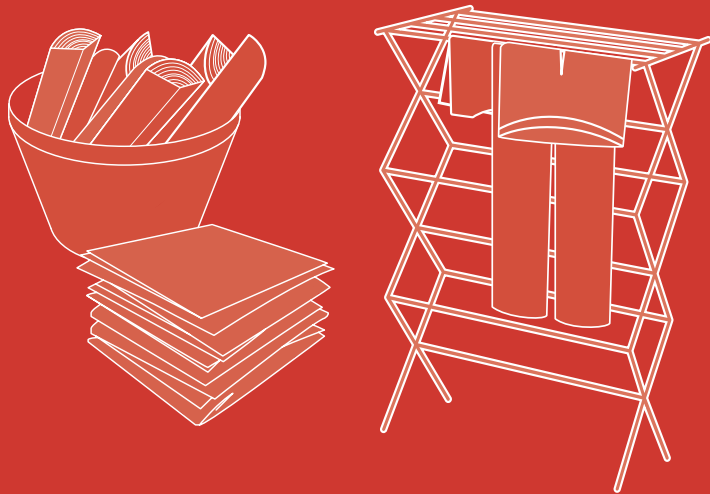
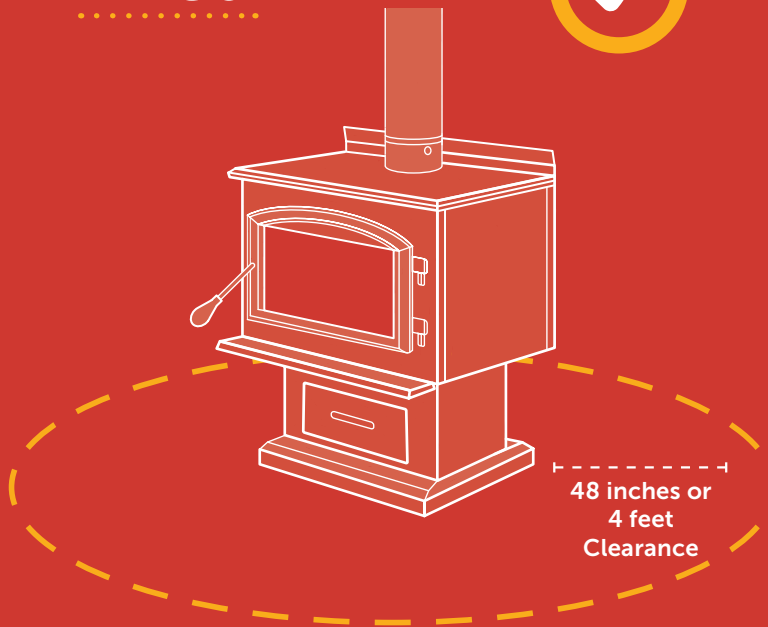


FOR HARDWOODS
E.G.: POPLAR, BIRCH

- 5** YOU WILL KNOW THAT YOUR WOOD IS DRY WHEN IT FEELS LIGHTER AND SOUNDS HOLLOW WHEN STRUCK AGAINST ANOTHER PIECE OF WOOD



Woodstove Clearance Area



TO ENSURE SAFE OPERATION OF YOUR WOODSTOVE PLEASE ALLOW 4 FEET OF CLEARANCE FROM ANY FLAMMABLE OBJECTS INCLUDING:



**FIREWOOD
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR
PAPER PRODUCTS &
CARDBOARD**

TIPS FOR USING YOUR WOODSTOVE SAFELY

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR WOODSTOVE



- 1 MAKE SURE THE STOVE IS COMPLETELY COOL**
 - This will ensure that you do not burn yourself during the cleaning process
- 2 CLEAN OUT THE FIRE BOX**
 - Using the ash bucket and shovel from your fire set, scoop out as much of the ash as you can
 - You should be able to see the fire brick inside the stove when finished
 - Inspect the inside of the stove to see if anything requires repair and if so have this fixed immediately

- can become a fire hazard
- Mark the chimney lines and screw holes to make reassembly easier
- Use a wire brush to completely clean the chimney

- Empty the ash box into a pail using your shovel
- Dispose as desired

- Using the brush from the fire set, brush ashes from the tray into a pail

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