

DO'S AND DON'T OF WOOD HEATING

DO	DON'T
✓ Check your heater complies with the Australian Standard for pollution emissions (AS 4013:1999).	✗ Use old inefficient heaters that don't comply with pollution standards.
	✗ Use open fires.
✓ Burn only, dry seasoned hardwood.	✗ Burn coal, coke or moist wood.
✓ Check your wood is dry by tapping it with a coin. You should hear a loud, hollow sound.	✗ Burn rubbish or painted or treated wood.
✓ Use a number of small logs in your heater.	✗ Burn just one log.
✓ Store freshly cut wood for eight to twelve months before use.	✗ Use green wood.
✓ Store wood under cover in a dry ventilated area.	✗ Store your wood where it is exposed to water or moisture.
✓ Be aware of the source of your wood.	✗ Harvest wood in a way that threatens vegetation and animal habitats.
✓ Ask your wood seller to verify whether wood for immediate use is aged and dry.	
✓ Stack wood loosely in your fire box, so plenty of air circulates around it.	✗ Pack wood too tightly in the firebox.
✓ Keep the flame lively and bright.	✗ Let your fire smoulder.
✓ Open the air controls fully for 5 minutes before and 15 to 20 minutes after loading the heater.	✗ Keep the vent closed when you add fuel.
✓ Keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame or let it go out overnight.	✗ Dampen down your fire or let it smoulder overnight .
✓ Rely on your home's insulation to hold in enough heat for the night.	✗ Allow creosote to build up in the flue, increasing the risk of a chimney fire.
✓ Check your chimney regularly to see how well your fire is burning. If it is smoky, increase the air supply.	
✓ Clean the woodheater flue and baffle regularly.	