



# BURN SMART. BURN SAFE.

## WHAT CAN I BURN IN MY WOOD STOVE?

Burning the wrong materials can increase the risk of chimney fires,  
damage your stove, and release toxic pollutants into the air.



### APPROVED FUELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



**Firewood**  
Clean, seasoned,  
untreated wood



**Wood pellets**



**Manufactured firelogs**



**Wood chips  
and sawdust**



**Corn kernels**



**Seed hulls**



**Clean wood left over from  
cutting lumber to length**

- ✓ Wood must be untreated  
(not painted, varnished, coated,  
or chemically preserved)
- ✓ Wood must be seasoned  
(20% moisture content or less)
- ✓ Paper and cardboard may  
only be used to start a fire.



### NEVER BURN



**Painted or treated wood**



**Construction or  
demolition waste**



**Household garbage**



**Drywall**



**Furniture**



**Plastics or rubber**



**Tires**



**Used oil, paint or  
hazardous materials**



**Railway ties**



**Tar paper**



**IF IT ISN'T AN  
APPROVED FUEL,  
DON'T BURN IT.**



**REDUCE THE RISK  
OF CHIMNEY FIRES**



**REDUCE TOXIC  
POLLUTANTS**



**PROTECT YOUR FAMILY  
AND OUR COMMUNITY**



**Protect your home.  
Protect your family.  
Protect our community.**

Source: British Columbia's  
Solid Fuel Burning Domestic  
Appliance Regulation  
(B.C. Reg. 218/2016).



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about safe burning  
and the regulations.



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