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# FUEL FOR STOVES & OPEN FIRES

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YOUR GUIDE TO CHOOSING THE BEST FUEL FOR YOUR APPLIANCE OR FIRE

When considering what fuel for stoves and open fires, please keep in mind that it's not as simple as it first appears.

You would be forgiven for thinking that it just simply boils down to whether you should burn wood or coal. However, bear in mind that Fire and Rescue Services state that burning wet and unseasoned wood is one of the top causes of chimney fires, second only to infrequent chimney cleaning.

Not only does your choice in fuel affect the risk of chimney fires in your home but in some cases picking the wrong fuel can actually damage your chimney liner, requiring replacement typically within as little as 5 years - not the 20-30 years that your chimney liner should be lasting you.

So, let's get into the few details you need to be aware of when picking solid fuel for stoves and open fireplaces.

## Choosing the right fuel

The type of fuel you burn will be dependent on the type of appliance you have:

### Open fireplace



- Kiln dried wood
- Seasoned wood
- House coal
- Smokeless coal

### Multi-fuel stove



- Kiln dried wood
- Seasoned wood
- House coal
- Smokeless coal

### Wood burning stove



- Kiln dried wood
- Seasoned wood

The type of fuel you can burn will also depend on the grade of liner you have installed. If you have a grade 316 stainless steel liner then you cannot burn smokeless coal.

## Dangers of burning unsuitable fuel

Burning wood that isn't properly seasoned or kiln dried will create tar and creosote in your chimney. This in turn acts as fuel for chimney fires, putting yourself and your home at risk. Burning smokeless coal on a grade 316 stainless steel liner will damage the liner and invalidate its warranty.

## Wood – when is it right to burn?

Wood, no matter how it is produced, contains levels of moisture. The higher the moisture level, the more of the heat energy of the fire is wasted on burning off the moisture - a moisture content of 25% or less is best.

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**FACT: IF YOU LIVE IN A SMOKE CONTROLLED ZONE YOU WILL NEED SMOKELESS COAL. TO CHECK IF YOU DO LIVE IN ONE OF THESE AREAS THEN YOUR BEST BET IS CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL.**

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## Types of fuels and the benefits

### ✓ Part Seasoned

Part seasoned wood is where the tree has been cut down and left to season for 2-3 years. It is the cheapest option because it is not ready to burn yet so you will need to leave it to season for a further 2-3 years until it is ready to be burned. The moisture content when it arrives will be between 25% and 35%.

### ✓ Seasoned

Seasoned wood is where the tree has been cut down and left to season for the full amount of 5-6 years. This wood is ready to burn as soon as it arrives and will have a moisture content of less than 25%.

### ✓ Kiln Dried

Kiln dried wood is where the tree has been cut down and then heated through a kiln to dry it out. This wood is ready to burn when it arrives and will have a moisture content between 10% and 20%. Kiln dried wood is the best wood to burn on a fire - it lasts longer than seasoned wood and with a lower moisture content, will not create as much creosote or tar in your chimney. In terms of heat output, one kiln dried log is roughly equivalent to three unseasoned wood logs, making them far more economical in the long run.

Our Kiln dried logs are selected from the finest hardwood and have been through a kiln drying process and are dried to just the

right level, reducing the moisture content to below 20% - ready to burn on your open fire or wood burning stove. This leaves you with logs that give a long, sustained burn and release a rich aroma without the acrid smoke caused by damper woods.

All our wood fuel products are sustainably sourced from FSC approved forests and we are dedicated to operating our business in an environmentally sound way.

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### ✓ Coal

Traditional house coal is perfect for open fires and produces a large amount of heat whilst also giving off an attractive flame. Our smokeless coal is authorised for use in smoke-controlled areas.

House coal also has a long burn time and produces a low-medium amount of ash. We work hard to minimise the clunker in our bags of coal so you get more for your money, and our coal is supplied in easy-to-carry bags with strengthened handles.

**We now supply fuel for your stoves and open fires...  
call us on 01223 964412 for more information  
or to place an order.**



### Kiln Dried Wood

**Contains:** A range of hardwood including alder, ash or birch.

**Packaged:** Stacked to ensure more logs can be placed in the same size container, meaning a substantial amount more logs.

**Moisture:** Kiln dried to between 12% to 20% moisture.

**Output:** A long, slow burn with maximum heat output.

**Perfect for:** Immediate burning on all stoves and open fires.

Product	Size (cm) <sup>^</sup>	Log Size	Price*
1m <sup>3</sup> Crate	H:102 W:115 D:84	25cm (+/- 10%)	£187.95
2m <sup>3</sup> Crate	H:205 W:115 D:84	25cm (+/- 10%)	£298.99

### Kiln Dried Mammoth Winter Warmer

**Contains:** A 1.2m<sup>3</sup> bag, a kindling bag and firelighters so it's your best bet for a single-purchase solution to winter warming.

**Packaged:** In a breathable bag and plastic covering with a skirt-tied top - the exact number of logs depends on the species and diameter.

**Moisture:** Kiln dried to between 12% to 20% moisture.

**Output:** Burns hotter for longer, increasing the efficiency.

**Perfect for:** Immediate burning on all stoves and open fires.

Product	Size (cm)	Price*
1.2m <sup>3</sup> Bag	H:100 W:100 D:102	£189.99



### Kiln Dried Wood Nets

**Contains:** Perfectly seasoned, kiln dried logs in the finest hardwood.

**Packaged:** In a light, clean and easy to handle net -ideal if you live in a town or a city where access/storage is an issue.

**Moisture:** Kiln dried to between 12% to 20% moisture.

**Output:** Burns hotter for longer, increasing the efficiency.

**Perfect for:** Immediate burning on your fire or wood burning stove.

Product	Price*
x50 Kiln Dried Net	£249.99
x80 Kiln Dried Net	£364.99



### Seasoned Birch Crate

**Contains:** A well-seasoned hardwood of silver birch.

**Packaged:** Stacked to ensure more logs can be placed in the same size container, meaning a substantial amount more logs.

**Moisture:** Dried in the open air, with a moisture content of below 25%.

**Output:** Burns with a beautiful flame pattern, lights well and produces good constant heat output.

**Perfect for:** Beautiful ambiance or stacked as a decorative piece.

Product	Size (cm)	Price*
1.2m <sup>3</sup> Crate	H:124 W:124 D:80	£209.99



## Part Seasoned Dumpy Bag



- Contains:** Mixed hardwood - generally chunkier logs than kiln dried.  
**Packaged:** In a breathable dumpy bag and plastic covering with a skirt-tied top - the exact number of logs depends on the species and diameter.  
**Moisture:** Between 25% to 35% moisture.  
**Output:** Ideal for stocking up and seasoning for a further 2-3 years.  
**Perfect for:** Larger, open fires rather than small stoves.

Product	Size (cm) <sup>^</sup>	Price*
Part Seasoned	H: 90 W: 90 D: 90	<b>£125.99</b>

## House Coal



- Contains:** Columbian grade coal.  
**Packaged:** 20kg bags.  
**Output:** The best grade Columbian coal for a great heat output providing a long burn.  
**Perfect for:** Open fires and multi fuel stoves.

Product	Price*
x20 House Coal Bags	<b>£149.99</b>
x50 House Coal Bags	<b>£374.99</b>

## Smokeless Coal



- Contains:** A manufactured briquette made from anthracite, authorised for use in smoke-controlled areas.  
**Packaged:** 20kg bags.  
**Output:** A great heat output providing a long burn, as well as being easy to light, producing very little ash and odour free.  
**Perfect for:** Open fires, multi fuel stoves and room heaters.

Product	Price*
x20 Smokeless Coal Bags	<b>£219.99</b>
x50 Smokeless Coal Bags	<b>£474.99</b>

## Log Store



This purpose designed wood store is made of tanalised, pressure treated timber so will not need treating. With open sides, raised floor and weatherproof roof, it provides the ideal way to conveniently and neatly store your logs. Can be placed side by side for more storage.

Product	Size (cm) <sup>^</sup>	Price*	
Log Store 1m <sup>3</sup>	H 153 W 120 D 53	<b>£160.00</b>	Please note this product requires assembly.

## Log Baskets

These baskets are hand crafted from rattan, with removable Hessian liners.



Product	Size (cm) <sup>^</sup>	Price*
Small Rectangle Basket	L:75 W:50 D:58	<b>£74.99</b>
Large Rectangle Basket	L:64 W:39 D:48	<b>£89.99</b>

## Kindling and Firelighters

Includes six kindling nets and three boxes of firelighters.



Product	Price*
x6 Nets (3kg) & x3 Boxes (28 per box)	<b>£19.99</b>

**SAVE £40** GET A LOG STORE, HARDWOOD DUMPY BAG, KINDLING & FIRELIGHTERS FOR **£244.99**