

Smoke Control Legislation

It is a criminal offence to emit smoke from a chimney of a building in a Smoke Control Area. If you live in a smoke control area you can only burn wood in an appliance that has been approved for use in a Smoke Control Area.

Final Facts & Advice

- Ready to Burn woodfuels give you more heat for each piece.
- Wet wood should be seasoned or dried for up to 2 years, or kiln dried at a controlled temperature, before use to get it to 20% moisture content or less.
- In the absence of a moisture meter, radial cracks and loose bark tend to show logs are dry. If you knock them together you should hear a dull 'thud'.
- Do not burn treated waste wood (e.g. old furniture) it can emit harmful fumes.

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The "Ready to Burn" logo shows that woodfuels are **ready** for immediate use.

More Information:

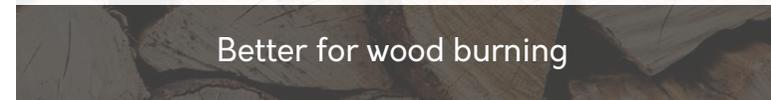
Our official site www.readytoburn.org lists further benefits of switching to Ready to Burn wood fuel products.

Woodsure Ltd is the **DEFRA** appointed Certification Body to administer the **Ready to Burn** Scheme. **Find wood fuel producers** who have achieved Ready to Burn status at www.woodsurre.co.uk:
woodsurre.co.uk > [Find a Supplier](#) > [Ready to Burn](#)

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Reducing environmental impact



Better for wood burning



What is Ready to Burn?

Defra has appointed Woodsure to run the Ready to Burn certification scheme.



Firewood labelled as Ready to Burn has a moisture content of 20% or less.

Ready to Burn logs and briquettes burn more efficiently than unseasoned, green wood and reduce environmental impact.

Ready to Burn wood is not only better for your appliance and chimney but will also reduce maintenance and fuel costs.

Look out for retail bags of woodfuel labelled as "Ready to Burn". Logs sold in small volumes (under 2m³) must be Ready to Burn by law from May 2021

Domestic Fuels Legislation

The government is phasing out the sale of wet wood sold in small volumes (under 2m³) in England from 1 May 2021. This legislation forms part of the UK commitment in the Clean Air Strategy to reduce emissions of damaging air pollutants by 2020 and 2030.

Legislation Explained

Wood sold in volumes of less than 2m³ must be certified as Ready to Burn by law from 1 May 2021.

Small suppliers, those supplying volumes under 600m³ between 1 May 2020 & 30 April 2021, have until 30 April 2022 to comply with legislation.

Wood products sold in volumes over 2m³ do not need to be certified as Ready to Burn, but they must be sold with advice on drying and an explanation of the issues of burning wet wood.

Why Dry, Clean Wood?

Using dry, Ready to Burn wood, logs & briquettes improves the efficiency of any appliance. It is a simple step to reduce your impact on the environment.

Wet wood creates smoke and particulates that are harmful to your health and the environment. It will also damage your stove and chimney and is an inefficient way to heat your home.

Firewood Storage Tips

OUTDOOR STORAGE

- Protect from direct rain
- Keep off the ground
- Allow air to circulate
- **Do not** closely cover logs, leave them on wet ground or open to the elements

INDOOR STORAGE

- Always keep an adequate distance between your stove and your firewood as this may cause them to ignite

For detailed storage tips and more see: www.readytoburn.org/helpful-tips

