

Burn Brighter this Winter

A hot fire for 20 minutes reduces smoke pollution

Burn Brighter this Winter is a community engagement project delivered by EPA Tasmania and Local Government. A recent study by the Menzies Research Institute has found that smoke pollution increases the death rate in the community, but the good news is we can reduce the amount of smoke and save lives by following a few simple steps.

This project is focused on promoting simple ways for wood heater owners to reduce the amount of smoke produced while still getting a warm home. Following these steps will also save you money.

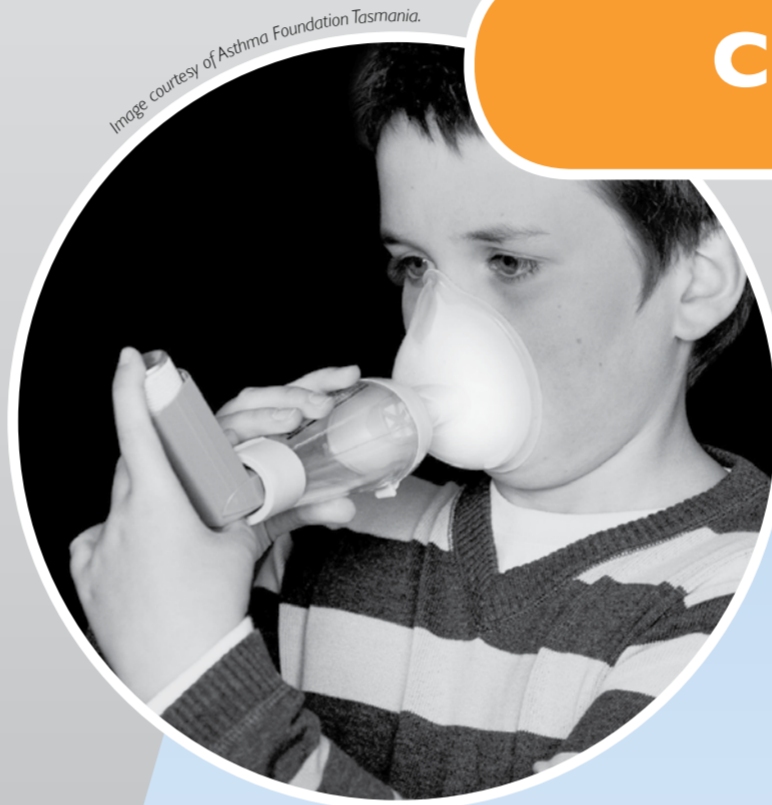
Save Money

Smoke is essentially small particles of wood that have not burnt completely.

A smoky chimney means your wood isn't burning efficiently and both your wood and money are being wasted.

To get the best value from your wood always burn brightly with the air vent open.

Never let your fire smoulder.



Clean Air Saves Lives

Excessive smoke from wood heaters is a major contributor to air pollution and a serious health risk for those with existing heart and lung conditions.

Reducing smoke will provide clearer air and immediate health benefits for you and your neighbours.

For more information on the health implications of exposure to wood smoke, visit the Department of Health website at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/air or contact the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

Simple Tips to Burn Brighter this Winter

- ✓ Only burn dry, seasoned wood.
- ✓ Leave the air control fully open for 20 minutes after lighting your fire and every time you re-load wood.
- ✓ Check your chimney to see if you are creating smoke. If you are, then make changes to your habits.

For more information

contact the Environmental Liaison Officer,
Domestic Wood Smoke Program.

Phone **1300 368 550** or visit
www.epa.tas.gov.au



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