

Fireplace Safety

Using Your Fireplace

- Maintain a pet/kid-free zone around the fireplace.
- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended.
- Open the damper for proper ventilation. Leave it open until the fire is extinguished to prevent smoke from entering the home.
- Use a fireplace screen and install a screen barrier.
- Use fireplace tools to handle burning logs. Never use your hands.

EXTINGUISH THE FIRE BEFORE GOING TO BED OR LEAVING THE HOUSE



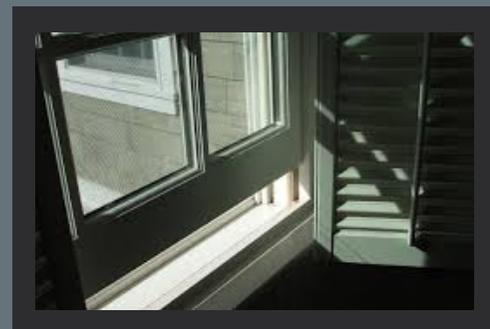
Fireplaces should not be used as a furnace, or as a long-term source of heat.

KEEP CHIMNEYS CLEAN AND CLEAR



Have a reputable chimney sweep inspect and clean the chimney at least once a year.

HAVE WORKING CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



Keep a window cracked open while the fire is burning.

Wood-Burning Fireplace



- Coals can remain hot enough to start a fire for up to three days. Always wait before removing ashes. Use a shovel to scoop the ashes into a metal container. Store the container far from combustible materials (i.e. furniture, wood decking).
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood. Never burn trash in the fireplace.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use artificial logs according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Never burn more than one log at a time.

Gas Fireplace



- Keep fireplace "on" switches and remotes out of reach of children.
- Screens reduce risks of serious burns by creating a barrier. Remember, screen barriers can retain heat.
- Never place decorations or drapes directly against the glass.

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