

## **WOOD STOVE SAFETY TIPS**

Buy only certified wood-burning units.

Verify with your Insurance Company before installing a wood stove.

Have your chimney inspected yearly by a licensed professional.

Clean chimney on a regular basis during heating season.

Burn seasoned wood only (preferably aged 12 - 18 months)

- Slow burning fires create more creosote and soot problems. Small hot fires are more efficient.
- Excessive smoky smell, eye irritation or headaches may indicate improper dangerous drafts and should be checked immediately.
- Frequently inspect pipe and connections, checking also for creosote and soot build-up. Monthly clean-out during heating season is recommended.

Keep wood pile away from unit so that sparks from unit when opening the door can not reach wood pile.

Dispose of ashes safely and properly

Install smoke detector close to the unit.

Install carbon monoxide detector close to the unit.

## **WARNING SIGNS OF CHIMNEY PROBLEMS**

- creosote build-up
- dripping from the base of the chimney
- staining of the outer chimney shell
- sluggish draft
- smoke spill-out when the appliance door is opened
- corrosion of the outer shell of a factory built chimney
- deterioration of the brickwork of a masonry chimney
- cold air flowing down the chimney when the appliance isn't in use.