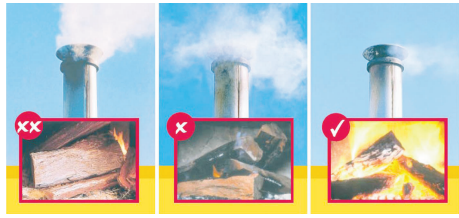


HOT tips for Cleaner Wood Burning



A woodheater can be a convenient, economical and attractive way to warm your home. However, excessive smoke from woodheaters is a major contributor to air pollution in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Smoke can be a nuisance to your neighbours and contains pollutants that are known health hazards. Help to improve the air quality in your

Community by operating your woodheater so that it produces efficient heat with less smoke.

- Always use dry, well seasoned wood in your wood heater. Never burn rubbish or treated or painted wood, which pollute the air and can produce poisonous gases.
- Get a hot fire going quickly and always use plenty of rolled up paper and small kindling to start
- Open air controls fully when lighting and loading, and keep air controls open enough to ensure your fire is burning brightly.
- Use larger pieces of wood once the fire is well established. You can tell that the fire is burning well if the coals are glowing and there are bright swirling flames.
- Check your chimney or flu at least once every evening to make sure your fire is not smoking excessively.

- Leaving your fire to smoulder throughout the night is not recommended, as it will produce a large amount of smoke that will drift through your neighbourhood. If you must burn overnight, add several medium-sized pieces of wood to a well established fire. Ensure the air vents are sufficiently open before leaving the fire so that it has a flame all night.
- Clean your flue or chimney at least once a year to remove tar and soot build-up – this will increase the heat of your fire and reduce smoke emissions. And remember, please collect your wood thoughtfully. It is illegal to collect wood within a 20km radius of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Leave hollow logs alone whether they

are standing or lying. Although they may burn well, they are the dwindling homes to some of Australia's most beloved animals. So, try and take small diameter solid pieces of wood instead of large diameter hollows. When you take firewood leave some behind and move on. If there is very little around leave it and search somewhere else. It is often the cumulative impact of lots of people taking a little firewood that causes depletion. As with recreational fishing, over harvesting will destroy the resource for everyone.



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Bottled water is an environmental disaster and, when you consider all the facts, a complete waste of money.

Bottled water hurts the hip pocket nerve. Financially, it just doesn't make sense - some media commentators have gone so far as to call it a con. This year, Australians will spend half a billion dollars on bottled water. Every time a consumer buys bottled water, they are being price gouged. The charge for one litre of bottled water is up to 2,500 times the cost of tap water.

Quality, switching to filtered tap water is an environmental and financial win-win for everyone.

BOTTLED WATER FACTS!

- 528.9 Million liters of bottled water is purchased every year in Australia alone.
- An estimated billion liters of water is used to produce this amount of bottled water.
- A \$2.50 bottle of water (600ml) could be refilled with tap water everyday for 5 years for the same price of \$2.50
- Only 43% of PET bottles are recycled in Australia, the rest end up as litter or landfill.
- 200ml of oil is used to produce a 1 litre water bottle. That's equivalent to 105.7 million liters being used in the lifecycle production of Australia's bottled water every year.
- The production of bottled water sold in Australia results in an estimated 126,000 tones of Greenhouse Gas emissions every year.
- Over 85% of Australians do not believe bottled water should cost more than petrol.



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