

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

some where else. It is often the cumulative impact of lots of people taking a little



hollows. When you take firewood leave some behind and move on. If there is very little around leave it and search

firewood that causes depletion. As with recreational fishing, over harvesting will destroy the resource for everyone.

Native Plant Group



Do you want to meet new people and learn how to propagate and seed local native plants?

Come along to KBULG's Native Plant Group and help us to "**Green the Goldfields**".

Native Plant Group is held on the first Sunday of every month at the Karlkurla Community Nursery.

For more information contact KBULG!

Dates for Native Plant Group:

Sunday 1st August
Sunday 5th September
Sunday 3rd October

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TIDY UP FOR TIDY TOWNS

LET'S MAKE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER SHINE

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been entered into the 2010 Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards. The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tidy Towns Committee has put together an amazing submission showcasing the fantastic achievements of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community.

The Tidy Towns-Sustainable Communities Judges will be visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder during August/September to assess the efforts of our community and see our beautiful City.

KBULG are asking you for your help to tidy up your patch of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by picking up rubbish and weeding and tidying up gardens and verges.

Or go one step further and get some friends and family together to clean up your street, a local park or a vacant block.

Let's show the Judges how beautiful Kalgoorlie-Boulder is!

Free Clean Up bags are available from the KBULG office.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Join Kalgoorlie-Boulder's leading community environment group

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