

IT'S OFFICIALLY AUTUMN

...and it's time to start thinking about your winter warmth. There are lots of things to do to make sure your house is as warm as possible for the chilly months, and how you use your woodburner can play a big part in that.

Here's some things you can do before winter to make sure you and your family are toasty warm:

BE A BRIGHT BURNER

- Buy your wood from a Good Wood Supplier.
- Buy your wood as early as possible.
- Store it under cover, in a well ventilated space.
- Install a heat-saver flu.
- Get your flu cleaned and your wood burner checked.

And you can also:

CHECK YOUR HOME'S INSULATION

- If you are in a rental home, your landlord must disclose whether the home is insulated. All rental homes must be insulated in the ceiling and underfloor, where reasonably practicable, by July 2019. Visit tenancy.govt.nz for more information.
- See if you are eligible for an insulation grant from Warm Up New Zealand – visit energywise.govt.nz for more information.

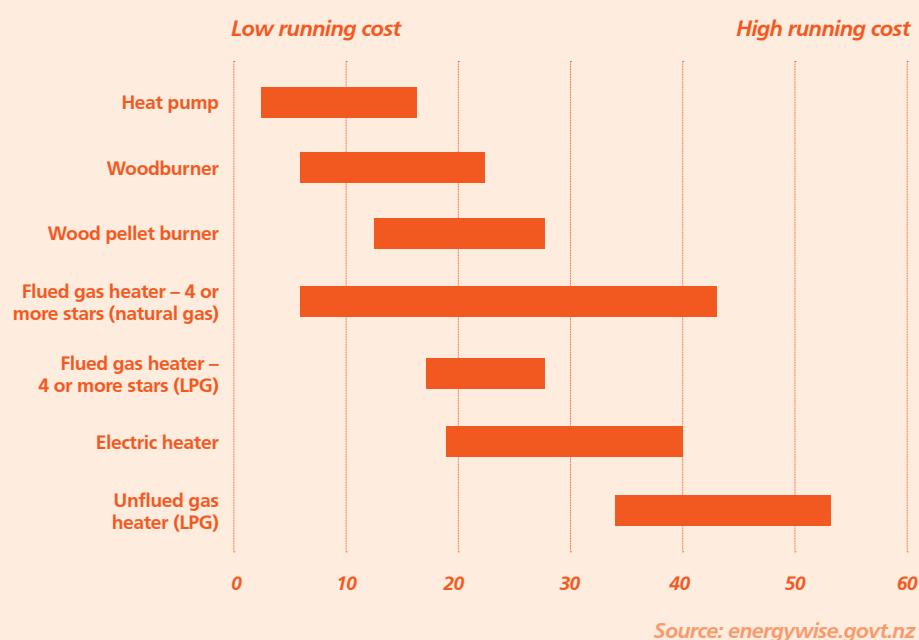
STOP THE DRAUGHTS IN YOUR HOUSE

- Check door hinges and catches or latches are fitting snugly.
- Add weather stripping to seal gaps around doors, windows and ceiling hatches.
- Seal door or window trims with clear or paintable sealant.
- Fit draught excluders for gaps under doors.
- Replace damaged rubber seals around aluminium joinery.
- Check recessed downlights for air leakage.

INSTALL A HEAT PUMP

- Heat pumps are cheaper to run than woodburners when used correctly.
- They produce instant heat.
- For many people they can be cleaner and easier to use.
- Make sure you install the right size for the space you want to heat.
- Check the energy rating of different models before you buy – the more stars, the more energy efficient.

HOME HEATING RUNNING COSTS



WOOD BURNER KNOW-HOW

It's not too late to install a wood burner for the winter, but it's good to do your homework before you buy.

COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION

Check the regulations for your airshed to find out whether you can install a wood burner or ULEB in your home.

You can find out which airshed you are in here:

nelson.govt.nz/airsheds-map

And you can find out the rules for your airshed here:

nelson.govt.nz/burners-for-beginners/

TYPE OF BURNER

Council has a list of approved burners on its website, including solid fuel burners, pellet burners and ultra-low emission burners. Check the burner is on this list before you buy it.

nelson.govt.nz/approved-burners/

SIZE OF BURNER

It's a good idea to match the size and heat output of the burner with the size of the space you need to heat. Look for a low Particle Emission Factor (PEF) and a high Space Heating Efficiency (SHE).



BUILDING CONSENTS FOR WOOD BURNERS

Remember you do need a building consent to install a wood or pellet burner. Contact Council's duty building officer for help and advice about how to apply.

Phone 03 265 6983 or email duty.buildingofficer@ncc.govt.nz.



Pellet burner