

Tohutaka Checklist

Small logs



Kindling



Big logs



Coat



Paper knots



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He pēwhea rā tō timera?

How's that chimney looking?

Don't worry if you're still seeing some smoke. It just means there's still room for improvement.

Persevering will pay off and make your life much easier in the long run on those long cold winter nights.

Just remember – prep, practise, perfect.

Use dry wood, build your fires by layering kindling from smallest to biggest (ensuring good airflow), and check your chimney to see how you're improving.



Kua rehe koe ki te auahi-kore?

Mastered the steps?

Why not pin this leaflet to the fridge until you've perfected your technique? And, once you've mastered the steps, feel free to use it to get your next fire burning smoke-free!



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YOUR GUIDE TO BUILDING SMOKE-FREE FIRES



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Kia mārama ai How it works

They say there's no smoke without fire, but how about a fire without smoke?

It might sound impossible, but with a well-maintained log burner, dry wood and good technique, it's absolutely achievable.

If your fire burns hot enough, you'll achieve more complete and efficient combustion.

When that happens, the chemicals in wood that normally make smoke turn to gas and steam instead.

He aha ai e tahu auahi-kore? Why burn smoke-free?

Well-built, smoke-free fires burn warmer, longer and cleaner.

They take less effort to maintain and use less wood, which can make your life easier, saving you time and even money.

Less smoke is better for the health of the environment, your community and your whānau, too, so it really is a win-win for everyone.



Ngā mahi e ono e auahi-kore ai tō whare? Six steps to smoke-free success

1 Layer

Start with a generous layer of paper knots. Newspaper is great and adding scrunched-up pieces to the front as well makes it easier to light.

Then, add your kindling, leaving lots of air gaps. A criss-cross pattern helps to elevate your logs to create good air flow.



Next, stack two or three smaller logs around it in a pyramid shape.

2 Light

Light your fire. Leave the door slightly open and set the air flow to high until the kindling is well alight. Then shut the door.



3 Look

After 15 minutes, step outside to check your chimney.

If you're doing it right, there should be no visible smoke at all.

If you still see some, don't worry, it just means there's room to improve next time.



4 Load

Add a second load of smaller logs. Then wait another five to 10 minutes until the wood is charring and making a 'bricking' pattern.



5 Reload

Add one or two bigger logs. After around an hour, these should be well alight and creating a nice bricking pattern, too.



At this point, you can reload with a few more of your bigger logs as required to keep it burning well.

6 Relax

About 15 minutes after adding the new big logs, you can turn the airflow down to keep your toasty fire burning longer.



Scan the code to watch the video walk-through.

