**WOOD BURNING DO’S & DON’T’S**

**How To Light & Maintain a Clean Burning Fire**

**DO**

**TO START FIRES**
- Open ‘flue’ all the way
- Add strips of newspaper
- Fill 1/4 with stacked wood
- Use dry, split, untreated wood
- Open fireplace door slightly for air to enter

Once lit, check your chimney outside. If smoke is visible, your fire needs more air, drier wood, or smaller pieces

**TO MAINTAIN FIRES**
- Leave ‘flue’ open a little
- Fill 3/4 with wood
- Add dry, split, untreated wood
- Close fireplace door

Remove ashes daily, wet & place in metal container. Clean & inspect chimney annually.

**DON’T**
- Use wet, damp, or treated wood
- Use magazines or colored paper
- Burn anything but wood
- Fill all the way
- Close ‘flue’
- Over-stuff or over-fill
- Leave fireplace door open
- Leave a fire unattended

**ENSURE YOU BURN HOT, CLEAN FIRES, NOT SMOLDERING, SMOKY FIRES**

**BEFORE YOU LIGHT YOUR FIRE:**
Call (760) 934-1010 for burning restrictions

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