

Pellet Stoves

Choose a Product Specific for Pellet Stoves

A PL Vent pipe, labeled as tested to UL 641 is the right choice. Do not use a dryer vent, gas appliance (Type B) vent, PVC (plastic) pipe or a single wall stove pipe.

Place and Vent Correctly

Floor protection, electrical requirements and venting layouts are key.

Maintain Your Pellet Stove:

- Burn Pot - check daily and clean periodically to keep air inlets open.
- Ash Drawer - empty before starting a new fire and occasionally interrupt stove operations.
- Heat Exchanger - use professional services unless you have the rod that scrapes the tubes.
- Ash Trap - use professional services.
- Glass - clean with glass cleaner when glass is completely cool.
- Clean professionally once a year.



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Helpful Tips

Watch for Creosote Build-Up

Creosote is highly combustible. It is black or brown, and can be flaky and tar-like, or shiny and hardened. Signs of creosote can be found if you have a warped damper, cracked or collapsed flue, or cracks in exterior masonry or damaged roofing material.

Inspect all Supplemental Heating

Sources Once a Year

A qualified technician should inspect all new installations per the Massachusetts State Building Code. If you did not install the heating source and there is no written documentation of a technical inspection, it is recommended that you hire a qualified technician. When purchasing a new home, keep in mind that not all home inspectors are specialized in supplemental heating sources.

Check Flue Pipes

Flue pipes should be checked for corrosion at least once a year. Solid fuel heating appliances cannot share a common flue with chimney flues used by other solid fuel, fossil fuel or gas fired appliances.

Remove all Flammable Household Items

Drapes, furniture, newspapers and books are a few of many flammable household items that should be kept away from the source of heat.

Store Ashes Properly

All ashes should be stored in a covered metal container and kept outdoors on a cement or brick slab.

Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in a central location and outside sleeping areas. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. Test periodically.

Portable & Fixed Space Heaters

Purchase a Tested Heater

Heater should be tested and labeled by a nationally recognized consumer testing company.

Place on a Level Surface

Heaters should be placed so that they cannot be bumped or knocked over; they should be at least 3' from flammable materials like drapes and furniture.

Stay Near Space Heaters

Never leave space heaters unattended or running while you sleep. Keep space heaters away from water and never use near a sink or in the bathroom.

Remember Never To Use Unvented Kerosene Heaters

Sale and use of unvented kerosene heaters is illegal in Massachusetts.

Fireplaces & Wood Burning Stoves

Use a Sturdy Fireplace Screen

Be sure that the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks and flying embers.

Start Fires Properly

Fires should be started with clean newspaper and dry kindling. NEVER start with gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter or propane torch. Do not burn wet or green (unseasoned) logs.

Check Damper

The damper should be open before lighting a fire and not closed until the fire has died out and the embers are cold.

Build Small Hot Fires

Smouldering fires are not safe or efficient.

Install Stovepipe Thermometers

These thermometers help monitor flue temperatures.

Inspect and Clean Chimney Annually

Chimney fires can be avoided by inspection and cleaning by a chimney sweep.

From 2010-2012, an average of 45,200 home heating fires occurred in the United States each year. These fires caused an annual average of approximately 155 deaths, 625 injuries and \$351 million in property loss.