



## **Solid Fuel Stoves - Summary of things you need to know!**

Air pollution arises from a number of sources and solid fuel stoves contribute to this pollution, but much of it is unnecessary and can be avoided.

Any stove installed in a Smoke Control Area (smokeless zones) must legally be an 'exempted appliance'.

Exempt appliances apply to DEFRA jurisdiction in England.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have a similar process, but local requirements may vary.

Details of exempted appliances can be found at <https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk> and are listed by area.

Steps to 'Getting it Right'

- Use wood with the correct moisture content (20% or less)
- Starting the fire
- Burn the solid fuel at the correct temperature
- Set the stove air controls correctly

This will avoid operating problems

- Unnecessary pollution
- Wasted fuel (and money)
- Soot/tar deposits - can cause chimney fire or dangerous blockage
- Stoves and chimneys have a reduced life.

## **Smoke coming out of the chimney – adjust the air controls**

A local Chimney Sweep or stove installer can help to 'Get it Right'. Sweeps can advise on log storage and local contacts for good quality dry fuel.

For further information, guidance and useful video, visit [www.burnright.co.uk](http://www.burnright.co.uk)