Wood Stove Safety

Have installation done by a **WETT-certified installer**.

Stoves should be certified by a **certification agency** for use in Canada.

Burn only **dry, seasoned wood** in a wood stove. Burn only **dry, seasoned wood pellets** in a pellet stove.

Have your chimney and stove **inspected and cleaned** by a WETT-certified professional every fall before heating season.

**Clean the inside of your stove** periodically with a wire brush.

Let ashes cool before disposing of them in a metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from any buildings.

Keep combustibles and flammable materials at least **1.2 m (4 ft) away** from the stove.

**Keep an eye on children and pets** whenever a stove is being used.

Install and maintain **carbon monoxide (CO) alarms** outside all sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

Source: NFPA Safety Tip Sheets & Wood Energy Technology Transfer