



## Autumn Wood Burner Prep Guide

### Step 1: Book a Chimney Sweep

Sweep at least once a year, ideally before the first fire of the season. Removes soot, tar, and creosote that could cause chimney fires.

### Step 2: Check Your Stove and Flue

Inspect for cracks inside the firebox, check the baffle plate, and ensure the flue liner is free from blockages.

### Step 3: Replace Worn Rope Seals

If seals are loose or frayed, heat escapes and efficiency drops. Test by closing the door on paper – if it slides out, replace the seal.

### Step 4: Clean the Stove Glass

Use stove-specific cleaner or damp cloth with ash. Avoid harsh chemicals. Clear glass lets you enjoy the flames.

### Step 5: Restock Your Log Store

Use seasoned or kiln-dried hardwood logs under 20% moisture. Store them off the ground, covered on top but open at the sides for airflow.

### Step 6: Test Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Legally required in UK homes with stoves. Test monthly and replace batteries if needed.

### Step 7: Refresh Fire Tools and Accessories

Check fireguard, gloves, baskets, and consider adding a moisture meter to check logs quickly.

### Why Prep Matters

- Safer fires with less risk of chimney issues.
- More efficient burning – saving you money on logs.
- Peace of mind knowing your stove is winter-ready.

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