

## BEST LITTLE WOODSHED 2018

Council is running the Best Little Woodshed competition again, with prizes including firewood and chimney clean/checks. Last year we saw some wonderful, creative and very practical solutions to storing your wood, so we hope to see some more of the same this year.

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Check out Council's tips on how to buy and store your firewood at [nelson.govt.nz/burnbright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burnbright).
2. Get your wood in, stack it loosely and make sure that:
  - » The wood is off the ground to avoid moisture seeping up from below.
  - » Air flow can reach the sides of the pile.
  - » The top of the pile is covered with a well secured wind and rain-proof cover.
3. If you need to build a shed, remember you don't need a Building Consent as long as it is:
  - » Less than 10m<sup>2</sup> in floor area.
  - » No more than one storey high, with a max. floor height from the ground of 1m, and max. roof height 3.5m above floor level.
  - » Not positioned closer than the shed's own height to a boundary or residential building.

4. Take a photo of your woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution, and upload it along with your entry at [nelson.govt.nz/burnbright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burnbright). Entries are open from 15 January to 16 February 2018.

The shortlisted woodsheds may be visited for final judging.

**The Judges' Choice:** The best three woodsheds will each receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier.

**People's Choice:** Photo entries will be loaded on to Council's Facebook page. The image with the most number of 'likes' will win its owner a free chimney clean and woodburner check.

For more information on storing firewood, contact Council's Eco-Building Adviser, Richard Popenhagen, email [richard.popenhagen@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:richard.popenhagen@ncc.govt.nz) or phone 03 546 0251.

[nelson.govt.nz/burnbright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burnbright)



Finalists from last year's competition

### CONDITIONS

- The competition is open to residents and ratepayers of Nelson City area only. Nelson City Councillors and Council staff are not eligible to enter.
- The wood shed/storage idea must be situated within the Nelson City Council boundaries, and must be the property of the person entering the competition.

- Judges will shortlist the finalists and may want to visit the shortlisted properties.
- Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Entries must include a minimum of one photograph.
- Entries close 5pm 16 February 2018.
- Results will be announced in Our Nelson, issue 40, 7 March 2018.

## HAVE YOU GOT THE WOOD IN?

It pays to be smart when it comes to buying your wood – for many people buying firewood is a major yearly investment, and getting it wrong can cost money and mean your home and family are not as warm as they could be. A shed full of dry wood is like money in the bank and will pay dividends for your smart investment.

### BURN BRIGHT BUYERS GUIDE

1. Buy your wood in summer so it has plenty of time to season. It's also usually cheaper to buy wood now than during the high demand period in the winter.
2. Buy from a Good Wood supplier – that will give you the best chance of getting good quality dry wood.
3. Ask your supplier to verify the moisture content of the wood with a moisture meter. It is illegal to burn wood with a moisture content over 25%, so allow for
4. Check your supplier is using a volume certified scoop or trailer, so that you know the volume of wood being delivered is correct.
5. Be aware of the different types of wood available. Softwoods (young pine, macrocarpa) dry faster but burn quicker. Hardwoods (eucalypts, manuka), burn slowly, put out more heat but dry a lot slower. Check out [warmercheaper.co.nz/good-wood/what-is-good-wood](http://warmercheaper.co.nz/good-wood/what-is-good-wood) for info on different types of wood.
6. Buy a decent volume at once, i.e. 2–3 cords, rather than in dribs and drabs. That way you'll usually get free delivery and get consistent quality in your wood.
7. Get a dated receipt from your supplier so you can follow up if the wood is not as promised.
8. Have your wood storage space sorted before you buy your wood, so you can stack it under cover when it is delivered.
9. Visit [consumer.org.nz/articles/firewood](http://consumer.org.nz/articles/firewood) for more info on the smart way to buy your wood.

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Dry wood burns efficiently, keeping your home warmer and saving you money.