

WILL YOU HAVE THE BEST LITTLE WOODSHED IN TOWN?

Nelson City Council is running a competition to find the Best Little Woodshed in Town, with prizes including firewood and chimney clean/check services, so get your wood in and enter now.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Check out Council's tips on how to buy and store your firewood at 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. You can build a shed without a Building Consent as long as it is:
 - » Less than 10m² 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. Entries are open until 25 February 2017.

The 10 best-looking 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 or phone 03 546 0251.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 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 25 February 2017.
- Results will be announced in Our Nelson, issue 17, 22 March 2017.

DON'T BURN TREATED TIMBER

Burning timber treated with preservatives such as CCA (copper chrome arsenic) exposes yourself and your family to dangerous chemicals, and can release poisonous arsenic gas into the atmosphere. Make sure any firewood you buy for winter is untreated.

If you have any concerns, contact Council's Environmental Programmes Adviser, Richard Frizzell, by phone or email:

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HAVE YOU GOT THE WOOD IN?

The warmer months are the best time of year to get your firewood supply purchased, stacked and covered, so you have dry, efficient-burning wood ready for the coming winter.

BUY EARLY, BUY DRY

Get your wood under cover now, so that you are not moving or stacking it in wet weather. If you don't have a woodshed, visit nelson.govt.nz/burnbright for some tips on how to create a dry storage area for your wood.

WHY BUY GOOD WOOD?

The Good Wood tick is your assurance you are buying from a trusted source of dry, clean burning firewood. Dry wood will burn efficiently so it not only keeps your home warmer but wastes less energy (and money). Smoke going up your chimney means your wood is producing less heat, so it costs you more.

When ordering seasoned wood from a Good Wood supplier, request that the wood complies with Council's maximum moisture requirements. Council regulations require firewood ready for burning to have a moisture content of less than 25%. Before accepting the wood delivery, test by striking two pieces of wood together – dry wood will make a sharp cracking sound. Cracks at the end of the wood are another sign that it is dry. If it is too green, don't accept the delivery unless you are prepared to store it for up to 12 months.

For more info visit nelson.govt.nz, search term = good wood.



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