



Port Alberni Fire Department

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What to Do After a Chimney Fire

DO NOT RE-LIGHT YOUR DEVICE UNTIL

- 1) Chimney has been cleaned.
- 2) Chimney has been inspected by the fire department or other qualified person.

Post-Chimney Fire Inspection Points

- ***Is your device installed according to Code and Manufacturer's listed instructions?***
- ***Is your wood supply clean and dry?*** – City of Port Alberni Bylaw #4802 requires that only wood pellets or untreated, non-contaminated, seasoned wood with a moisture content of 20% or less shall be burned in a wood burning appliance or fireplace.
- ***Do you have working smoke alarms installed in your home?*** - one is required to be installed on each level of your home including the basement.
- ***Do you have a metal container with lid to remove excess ash from your wood burning device?*** – *Improper storage of ash can cause house fires*
- ***Do you have the required clearance space surrounding chimneys, flue pipes or appliances, or adjacent to ash pit or cleanout doors?*** – *Improper clearances can cause house fires.*
- ***Does your wood-burning appliance meet current standards?*** - existing solid-fuel burning devices not in compliance with Bylaw #4802 emissions requirements must be removed from service by May 31, 2017.

British Columbia Fire Code (2012 edition)

2.6.1.4. Chimneys, Flues and Flue Pipes

- 1) Every chimney, flue and flue pipe shall be inspected to identify any dangerous condition
 - a) at intervals not greater than 12 months,
 - b) at the time of addition of any appliance, and
 - c) after any chimney fire.
- 2) Chimneys, flues and flue pipes shall be cleaned as often as necessary to keep them free from dangerous accumulations of combustible deposits. *(The presence in a chimney of deposits of soot or creosote in excess of 3 mm thick will indicate the need for immediate cleaning, possible modification of burning procedures, and more frequent inspections.)*

2.6.1.5. Clearances

- 2) Combustible materials shall not be located within the required clearance space surrounding chimneys, flue pipes or appliances, or adjacent to ash pit or cleanout doors.

2.6.1.6. Operation and Maintenance Procedures

- 1) Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems, including appliances, chimneys and flue pipes, shall be operated and maintained so as not to create a hazardous condition.

Contact the Port Alberni Fire Department if you have any questions regarding the above information at 250.724.1351