

What type of burner can I choose?



Information for homeowners

The Canterbury Air Plan has been designed to improve air quality in Canterbury towns by ensuring the community moves to cleaner heating appliances over time. We recommend where possible people choose the cleanest heating appliance available.

This information applies to homeowners on sections less than two hectares in size in the following Clean Air Zones: Christchurch, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Ashburton, Timaru, Geraldine and Waimate.

Christchurch, Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Ashburton Clean Air Zones

- All older style wood burners (that do not meet a 1 gram emission standard and are not on the Environment Canterbury authorised list. www.ecan.govt.nz/data/authorised-burners/) that are 15 years or older can be replaced with a low emission wood burner provided that a building consent is issued by Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council or Ashburton District Council (depending on where you live) before 31 October 2017.
- If you miss this deadline in Christchurch, you can only install an Ultra-Low Emission burner.
- After 31 October 2017, older style burners in Rangiora, Kaiapoi, and Ashburton, can be replaced with a Low Emission Burner provided they are being replaced before they reach 15 years of age.

Timaru Clean Air Zone

- Older style wood burners (that do not meet a 1 gram emission standard) that are 15 years or older must now be upgraded.
- However, if you are experiencing hardship, or not in a position to replace your older wood burner right now, you can register with Environment Canterbury (using an online form on the website) and continue to use that older burner during winter 2017.
- If you have registered with us so you can delay your upgrade until after winter, you must still get a building consent from the Timaru District Council for a new Low Emission Burner before 31 October 2017.

Waimate and Geraldine Clean Air Zones

- Older style wood burners (that do not meet a 1 gram emission standard) need to be upgraded after 1 January 2020, or if a property is sold before this date.
- Low Emission wood burners can be installed in all homes, including new homes.

Note: By taking the step of getting a building consent, you have made a start towards replacing your older burner. We understand that because of a demand for installations, this may mean there is a time delay between getting a consent and the new burner being installed.

For more information on Canterbury's winter air programme

Visit: www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/air-quality/home-heating/

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