

Marlborough Environment Plan

Rules for Small Scale Fuel Burning Appliances and Pellet Fires

Small scale solid fuel burning appliance means an appliance designed to burn solid fuel, or a mixture of those fuels, for the purpose of domestic space heating with a net heat output of up to 40 kilowatts. This includes:

- Woodburner – Domestic heating appliance that burns wood, excludes open fires, multi-fuel burners, pellet fires, coal burners, and cooking stoves.
- Multi-fuel burner – A domestic heating appliance designed to burn more than 1 type of fuel.
- Pellet burner – A domestic heating appliance that burns compressed wood or biomass pellets.
- Solid-fuel burning open fire – An appliance or structure inside a domestic building that can burn solid fuel but can't effectively control the rate of air supply to the combustion zone including fireplace, visors, open hearths and 'Jetmaster' fireplaces.
- Pot-belly stove – A cast iron coal or wood burning stove that is cylindrical with a bulge in the middle.
- Domestic range / stove – Domestic appliance designed and used for cooking which is heated by solid fuel.

For tips on operating your small scale fuel burning appliance in the most efficient manner, please see Council's Domestic Woodburning – Burn Right Guide.

Rules summary

Permitted Activities	Note specific standards apply to these permitted activities.
	Discharge from an enclosed pellet burner of any age and installed at any time is permitted.
	Discharge from an enclosed woodburner installed after 1 September 2005 is permitted.
	Discharge from any small scale solid fuel burner not described above is permitted until it is 15 years of age.
	Discharge from any small scale solid fuel burner installed after 9 June 2016 is permitted.
Discretionary Activity	Any discharge to air that does not meet the Standards of Permitted Activities above is a discretionary activity for which consent is required.
Prohibited Activity	Discharge from any small scale solid fuel burner (other than an enclosed pellet fire or enclosed woodburner installed after 1 September 2005) once it is 15 years of age is a prohibited activity.

For more information on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP), visit the Council's website: www.bit.ly/ProposedMEP

Rules for Permitted Burning **within** the Blenheim Airshed

Permitted Activity Rule	Standards that apply to permitted activities
Discharge of contaminants to air within the Blenheim Airshed from the burning of solid fuel in a small scale solid fuel burning appliance that is up to 15 years of age except an enclosed pellet burner, or an enclosed woodburner installed after 1 September 2005.	The appliance must comply with stack requirements of Appendix 8 – Schedule 2.
	The appliance must only burn fuels approved for use in the appliance.
Discharge of contaminants to air within the Blenheim Airshed from the burning of solid fuel in an enclosed pellet burner installed prior to 9 June 2016, or an enclosed woodburner installed after 1 September 2005.	The appliance must comply with stack requirements of Appendix 8 – Schedule 2.
	The appliance must only burn fuels approved for use in the appliance.
Discharge of contaminants to air within the Blenheim Airshed from the burning of solid fuel in a small scale solid fuel burning appliance installed after 9 June 2016.	The appliance must comply with the emission, operational and other requirements of Appendix 8 – Schedule 1.
	The appliance must comply with stack requirements of Appendix 8 – Schedule 2.
	The appliance must only burn fuels approved for use in the appliance.

Rules for Permitted Burning **outside** the Blenheim Airshed

✓ rule applies ✗ rule does not apply

Permitted Activity Rule	Standards that apply to permitted activities	Urban Residential 1, 2, 3	Rural Living	Rural Env.	Coastal Living	Coastal Env.	Business	Industrial	Airport, Port	Coastal Marine
Discharge of contaminants to air from the burning of solid fuel in a small scale solid fuel burning appliance except an enclosed pellet burner.	The appliance must comply with stack requirements of Appendix 8 – Schedule 2.	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	The appliance must only burn fuels approved for use in the appliance.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	The appliance must be operated so that all reasonable steps are taken to minimise the amount of smoke discharge.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discharge of contaminants to air from the burning of solid fuel in an enclosed pellet burner.	The appliance must only burn fuels approved for use in the appliance.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discharge of contaminants to air from the burning of solid fuel in an indoor open fire.	Only burn permitted materials.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

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