



Fireplace Facts

Is this government going to ban stoves?

No - there is nothing in the Clean Air Strategy which makes reference to this. Any appliances which are currently fitted will be able to continue to be used as normal.

Will the government ban future sales of stoves?

No, however the type of stove which will be available for sale may change. It's most likely they will have to be DEFRA-exempt appliances. This is actually good news because it means a great choice of fuels (both wood or smokeless) in any area. Whereas currently, they are restricted to just smokeless fuel if you do not have a DEFRA-exempt appliance.

If domestic stoves are the biggest source of pollution, why would I want one?

Stoves in themselves aren't polluting - it's the way some people use them. The truth is that very few people are shown how to use a stove, so they rarely burn efficiently until they either ask for help or have their flue swept. Unlike gas or oil, wood is a renewable energy source and, when burnt correctly, can be a very efficient way of heating your home.

Should I change my stove just in case they ban people from using old, inefficient ones?

Again, the Government isn't planning to 'ban' appliances but a new efficient stove is a smart move purely from a financial point of view. You'll get more heat from your fuel and also help reduce emissions into the environment.