

Open fires and wood burning stoves

Did you know?

Burning wood and coal emits dangerous pollutants which have a serious effect on our health - especially those with pre-existing conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other respiratory diseases.

Under the Clean Air Act (1993), Camden is designated as a Smoke Control Area. This means it is an offence to emit smoke from a building chimney, appliance (unless it is an exempt appliance) or from any fixed boiler and you could be fined up to £1,000.

It is also an offence to acquire unauthorised fuel for use within a Smoke Control Area unless it is used in an exempt appliance.

What can I burn in my fireplace, appliance or stove?

In a Smoke Control Area, you can only burn a limited number of defined fuels or any of the following 'smokeless' fuels, unless you're using an exempt appliance.

Only the following fuels can be burnt in an open fireplace or a non-approved appliance:

- Anthracite
- semi-anthracite
- gas
- low volatile steam coals and other 'authorised fuels'

For a full list of authorised fuels please visit [smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php](https://www.smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php)

Wood, wood chips and wood pellets are non-authorised fuels and can only be burned in appliances approved by the Secretary of State, which are known as 'exempt appliances'.

A list of exempt appliances is available at [smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances.php](https://www.smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances.php)

For more information on wood burning in Camden, visit camden.gov.uk/airquality