



KEEP IT CLEAN

YOUR GUIDE TO SMOKE CONTROL AREAS AND SAFE HEATING AT HOME

What you can burn in smoke control areas

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) allows only certain fuels for burning in smoke control areas. You can find the list of authorised fuels here <https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels-php/england/>. If you are using a DEFRA approved appliance, please consult the specification documents for the correct fuel for those appliances.

Exempt appliances that can burn unauthorised fuels

Some fuels which are not on DEFRA's authorised fuels list, such as dried wood logs, can be used in an exempt appliance, however, you can still only burn the type of fuel specified on the instructions for the appliance. Details of exempt appliances can be found at:

<https://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances-php/>

You must only use the types of fuel that the manufacturers say can be used in the appliances.

Under the Clean Air Act 1993 you could receive a **£300 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)** if you emit smoke from your chimney in a smoke control area. Failure to pay the FPN could lead to prosecution and a fine of up to **£1,000**. Regardless of whether you are in a smoke control area or not, you may also be prosecuted if the smoke causes a statutory nuisance to other residents.

Still not sure if your fuel or appliance is allowed? Contact Environmental Health environmentalhealth@knowsley.gov.uk or telephone 0151 443 4712.

HOW POLLUTING IS YOUR HEATING?

CLEAN

DIRTY



ELECTRIC



**GAS
BOILER**



**OIL
BOILER**



**DEFRA APPROVED
WOOD BURNER**



**WOOD
BURNER**



**OPEN
FIRE**

Why It Matters

Air pollution impacts the health and well-being of everyone, particularly children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma. Harmful smoke and pollutants in the air can aggravate breathing difficulties, trigger asthma attacks, and contribute to long-term health problems like heart disease and lung cancer. By reducing smoke and other air pollutants, we can create a healthier environment for our community and protect our most vulnerable residents.

How Can I Help?

- Switch to authorised fuels
- Avoid open fires in smoke control areas
- Use approved stoves and heaters
- If you are considering buying an appliance, please consider a DEFRA approved appliance

You can find more information about smoke control areas on Knowsley Council's website – www.knowsley.gov.uk or scan the QR code below. Should you wish to report illegal burning, please contact Environmental Health environmentalhealth@knowsley.gov.uk or telephone 0151 443 4712.



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