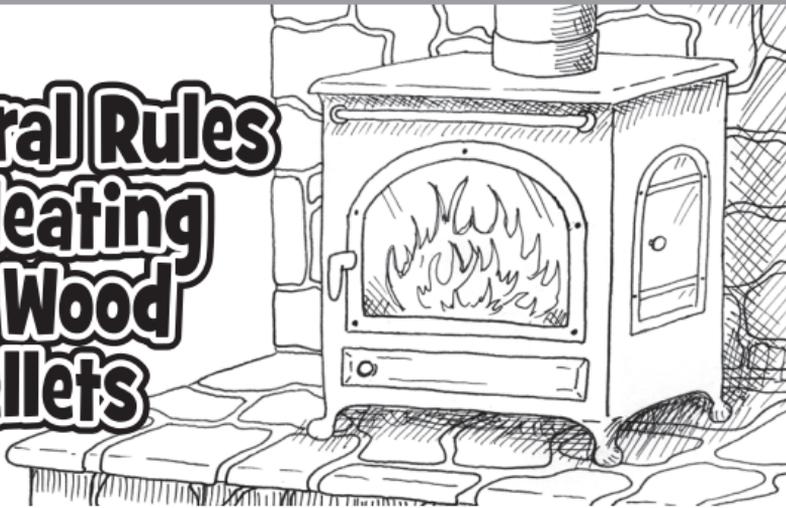


# General Rules for Heating with Wood or Pellets



- 1.** Have installation done by a professional, if possible.
- 2.** Make sure your heating equipment is allowed in your community.
- 3.** Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from your fireplace or wood stove.
- 4.** Have your chimney, fireplace, or wood stove inspected and cleaned every fall just before heating season.
- 5.** Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood that has been split, stacked, and allowed to dry for 12 months.
- 6.** Have a sturdy screen on a fireplace, and allow ashes to cool before disposing of them in a metal container.
- 7.** Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

