

FAQs

I have a wood burner in my house; do I need to stop using it (and when)?

If your wood burner was installed before 1 September 2005 you cannot use it after 31 January 2020. If you sell your house before then, you will need to remove or replace the wood burner before final settlement date.

If your wood burner was installed after 1 September 2005 you can continue to use it up to and after 31 January 2020. If that is the only solid fuel burner in your house you won't need to remove it if you sell your property.

You can replace an existing wood burner you have in your home with another wood burner that has an emission design standard of $\leq 0.60\text{g/kg}$. If you are replacing an existing wood burner you only require a building consent from Rotorua Lakes Council. You do not need a resource consent.

You can use the Hot Swap Scheme to replace an existing, operable, wood burner. Replacement options under the Hot Swap Scheme are: low-emission wood burner, ultra-low emission wood burner, gas or pellet fire and electric heating.

I have a coal or multi-fuel burner in my house; do I need to stop using it (and when)?

Any coal burner or multi-fuel burner, regardless of when it was installed cannot be used after 31 January 2020. If you sell your house before then, you will need to remove or replace the coal burner or multi-fuel burner before final settlement date.

You can replace your coal or multi-fuel burner with another wood burner that has an emission design standard of $\leq 0.60\text{g/kg}$. If you are replacing a coal or multi-fuel burner with a wood burner you only require a building consent from Rotorua Lakes Council. You do not need a resource consent.

You can use the Hot Swap Scheme if you want to replace an operable, coal or multi-fuel burner.

I have an indoor open fire in my house; do I need to block it off (and when)?

You haven't been able to use your indoor open fire since 1 May 2015 (no change). If you sell your house, you need to make sure the indoor open fire is made inoperable, permanently blocked off (chimney capped, fire bricks removed and opening boarded up), before final settlement date.

I have a pellet burner in my house; do I need to stop using it?

There is no requirement to remove (or stop using) any pellet burners.

You can replace your pellet burner with another pellet burner a flued gas fire, or electric heating. If you want to install a wood burner you need a building consent and you need to apply for a resource consent from Bay of Plenty Regional Council (with an offset condition).

You can use the Hot Swap Scheme to replace your pellet burner with another pellet burner, electric heating, or a flued gas fire.

I have a chip heater, coal or wood range in my house; do I need to stop using it (and when)?

Chip heaters, cookers, coal/wood ranges and Marshall heaters are now illegal to use. If you sell your house, you need to remove them before final settlement date.

If you only have a coal range in your property, under dispensation you may be able to use the Hot Swap Scheme to replace it with electric heating and an electric oven. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I don't have any existing solid fuel burners in my house. What heating can I install?

You can install any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List or any zero emission appliances (electric heating or gas). Wood burners need a resource consent from Bay of Plenty Regional Council (with an offset condition).

If your property had a wood burner removed under the Bylaw Point of Sale rule you have 6-months to use the Hot Swap Scheme.



Out with the old and in with the new.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SOLID FUEL BURNER RULES

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GUIDE TO ROTORUA SOLID FUEL BURNER* RULES



What type of solid fuel burner* do I have in my property?	The Bylaw Point of Sale rule applies if I have a solid fuel burner* in my property that I am going to sell	When will it become illegal to use the solid fuel burner* in my property? Is there a phase out date?	Can the solid fuel burner* be used?	What can I install in my property?		Can I use the Hot Swap or the Low-Income Heating Grant Scheme to replace my solid fuel burner*?
Wood burner installed pre-Sept 2005	Must be removed or replaced	Phased out by 31 January 2020	Only until 31 January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg wood burner (with a Building Consent) when replacing an existing legally established wood burner 	Yes, if your pre-Sept 2005 burner was legally established
			It cannot be used after 1 February 2020			
Wood burner installed post-Sept 2005	Not affected	N/A	Post-Sept solid fuel burners* can continue to be used (up to and after 31 January 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg wood burner (with a Building Consent) when replacing an existing legally established wood burner 	It could be traded for a zero emission heating appliance under Hot Swap Scheme
Coal burner or multi-fuel burner (any date of installation)	Must be removed or replaced	Phased out by 31 January 2020	Only until 31 January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg wood burner (with a Building Consent) when replacing an existing legally established coal or multi-fuel burner 	Yes, if your coal or multi-fuel burner was legally established
			It cannot be used after 1 February 2020			
Indoor open fire	Must be rendered inoperable	Phased out in 2015	No, it's illegal to use indoor open fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg emission rate wood burner with a Resource Consent (offsets**) and a Building Consent 	No
Pellet burner	Not affected	N/A	Pellet fires can continue to be used (up to and after 31 January 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg emission rate wood burner with a Resource Consent (offsets**) and a Building Consent 	It can be traded for a zero emission heating appliance under the Hot Swap Scheme
Other type of solid fuel burner* (e.g. chip heater, coal range)	Must be removed or replaced	Phased out from 27 February 2018	Only until 31 December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg emission rate wood burner with a Resource Consent (offsets**) and a Building Consent 	Under a Hot Swap dispensation some solid fuel burners* may be tradeable for zero emission appliances (phone us to discuss)
No solid fuel burner* in the property	Not affected	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pellet fire on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Burner List Zero emission appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ≤0.60g/kg emission rate wood burner with a Resource Consent (offsets**) and a Building Consent 	If the property you purchased had a wood/coal burner removed under the Bylaw POS rule, you have 6 mths to access a zero emission heating loan

NOTE: All pellet fire installations require a Building Consent from Rotorua Lakes Council. All wood burner installations must have an emission standard of ≤0.60g/kg and a Building Consent from Rotorua Lakes Council. Wood and Pellet burners must be listed on the Ministry for the Environment's Authorised Wood Burner List. In some cases wood burner installations require a Resource Consent (with offsets) from the Regional Council. Refer to the table above.

***Solid fuel burner** - is any appliance that burns wood or coal. It includes (but is not limited to) indoor open fires, freestanding or built-in wood burners, pellet fires, coal or wood ranges, chip heaters, multi-fuel burners, coal burners, Marshall heaters, potbelly stoves and cookers.

****Offsets** - If you want to install a wood burner in a house that currently has no wood or multi-fuel burner you require a resource consent from Bay of Plenty Regional Council. You must provide an offset by removing an old wood burner from another house within the Rotorua Airshed as a condition of your resource consent. You will need to find an owner in the Airshed who is prepared to remove their wood burner.

