

What to burn – and not to burn – on your solid fuel heating system

If you have a solid fuel heating system, it is really important to burn the correct type of fuel so that it continues to work effectively.

Using the wrong type can damage the boiler and flue, which may leave you without heating and hot water just when you need it most. And we may recharge you the cost of repairs if we can prove the wrong fuel has been used.

The manufacturer's instructions that came with your boiler will provide more information but, if you don't have these, please get in touch with us.

However, most of our homes have a Charnwood boiler fitted, and the following applies.

- Coal – Coal must be dry and large (2" or 50mm minimum). Do not use singles, small nuts or coal dust.
- Wood – Wood must be dry and well-seasoned, ie having been left to dry for at least one year, but preferably two. Hard wood burns better than soft wood. Do not use broken pallets or painted wood.
- Peat – Peat must be completely dry.
- Petroleum coke – This must never be used.

If you are unable to find the fuel you need, ask your supplier, an approved fuel distributor or your local British Coal office to suggest an alternative.

If in doubt, we are happy to advise.