How To Makeover Your Wood Burner

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With the winter months drawing near, it is the time of year when heating the home and making your money go further is at top of the list for many families.

This comes hand-in-hand with a new desire to do our bit for the environment and reduce our carbon footprint whilst not having to scrimp on lifestyle choices.

So, whether you're thrashing the kids at board games or snuggling down with a good book and a glass of wine (or hot chocolate, depending on your preferred slurp!), these five top tips will help you run an eco-home whilst saving precious cash.

1. **DIY MAKEOVER**

Wood burning stoves and fireplaces often play the protagonist in living spaces so it's important to keep them in good nick and working to their full potential. That said, it is inevitable that every once in a while chips and fading will take their toll, but rather than living with the wear and tear or the more costly option of a replacement, it takes no time at all to transform it to look as good as new.

Rust-Oleum's Stove & BBQ Paint is suitable for stoves, BBQs and even discoloured radiators, withstanding heat up to 650 degrees.

1. **KEEP THE WINTER CHILL AT BAY**

With the annual icy chill closing in, having a warm and cosy home is top of everyone's check list. For period properties and country homes this can be especially challenging and with wood-burning stoves and fire burners commonplace in interiors, it's important to know you're making the most of it.

Not only are they a great way of keeping the cold away they can also be really cost-effective especially when you make the right investment, like the small addition of a Firemizer – an award-winning, fuel saving device that can reduce fuel usage by 38%.

Kill two birds with one stone – reduce bills and save up to 72% of emissions. As the only device of its kind, it will revolutionise the way you use your fire burner, save you money and maximise fuel efficiency.

1. **KEEPING IT CLEAN**

As with any fire, burning wood creates dust and ash, which can get really messy if left for a long period of time. And with that, not only will you have more cleaning to do (yawn), you'll also be breathing in more and more of it.

A couple of smaller measures you can take in order to reduce the contact you have with the dusty air is always keep the door closed when the fire burner is in use, make sure the wood is properly dry before using it and once every so often simply clean the residue ash away with a dustpan and brush.

1. **CHOOSE YOUR WOOD CAREFULLY**

The type of wood you use to burn is critical to a successful fire. There are woods that work well and woods that don't; luckily we've got you covered.

Perfect ones for a steady flame and good heat output include ash, beech, hawthorn and yew. Any of these woods will be ideal to use on your stove or firepit. Woods to definitely avoid are poplar, willow, chestnut and spruce.

1. **FAMILY FUN**

The most important way to enjoy your fire burner this winter is having fun with the family. Sitting by the fire place is a great way to relax and cosy up with a good movie or a pile of board games.

So take care of your fire burner and gather the family together with some hot chocolate and melting marshmallows this winter.

*Firemizer can be purchased online for £19.99 at*https://www.firemizer.com/shop

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