

## Which wood to burn?

| Wood                    | Comments   | Grade       |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Apple</b>            | Needs to be well seasoned. Has a nice smell and burns well without sparking/spitting.  | Good        |
| <b>Ash</b>              | Considered one of the best fire wood and readily available at the moment due to Ash Die Back disease. It has a low water content and can be burned green. Best when seasoned and will burn at a steady rate. | Great       |
| <b>Beech</b>            | Beech has a high water content so will only burn well when seasoned, generally splits well.  | Good        |
| <b>Birch</b>            | Birch burns easily but also fast, so is best used for kindling or mixed in with slower burning wood such as Elm or Oak. Birch bark is also great as a firelighter.   | Good -Great |
| <b>H. Chestnut</b>      | Horse chestnut spits a lot and is considered a low quality firewood.   | Poor- Okay  |
| <b>Leylandii</b>        | Spits excessively while it burns and can produce a lot of smoke and soot.  | Poor-Okay   |
| <b>Lime</b>             | Low quality firewood.  | Okay        |
| <b>Oak</b>              | I think every one knows it is one of the best firewood when seasoned well! It provides lasting heat and burns at a slow rate.  | Great       |
| <b>Pine</b>             | Pine burns well, with good heat. But due to the resin in the wood can spit and leave behind soot. Is also a good softwood for kindling.  | Poor        |
| <b>Sycamore (Maple)</b> | Considered a good firewood that burns well and also splits well.   | Good        |