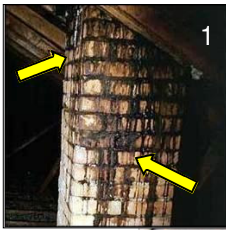


Cozy up to the fire...

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Creosote leaching through chimney brick mortar.

Chimney missing the flue.



Continued enjoyment of your flames...

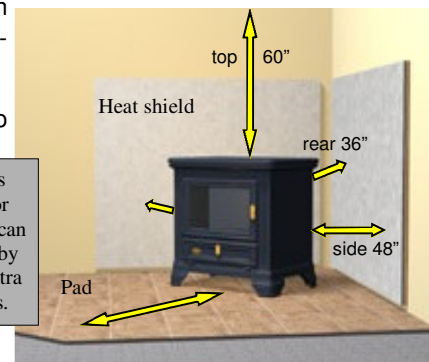
While comfort is likely foremost in your mind, keep safety as a priority as well. Whether new or old, an installation requires regular upkeep:

- ◆ Clean the stove, pipes and chimney (1) thoroughly every year. Remove ashes regularly into a fireproof container.
- ◆ Check connections, gaskets and fire bricks for damage.
- ◆ Burn all fires hot and clean, with properly seasoned wood, cut to fit your appliance.

Insuring & ensuring the future of your appliance...

Many insurance companies now require a WETT inspection upon resale or refinance of a home. While it may seem inconvenient, there are good reasons for it:

- ◆ Older installations can be renovated to meet Ontario Building code.
 - ⇒ Clearances to combustibles;
 - ⇒ Floor protection & heat shields
 - ⇒ Chimney height
 - ⇒ Smoke pipe installation



Clearances required for woodstoves can be reduced by installing extra protections.

- ◆ A new report will show any unsafe alterations that have been made and clarify problems.
- ◆ To ensure proper distances between the appliance and items in its vicinity.

WETT to look for...



Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) is a non-profit association providing intensive training and examination to certify people who work in sales, installation, inspection and maintenance of wood burning systems. Originally, WETT Inc. was founded to protect homeowners from untrained workers offering wood heat services who might leave their homes in unsafe condition.

*** Always have inspection and maintenance done by a certified professional. ***

Visit the [WETT Inc.](http://www.wettinc.com) website.

For Your Information...

**Don't forget the
SMOKE DETECTORS!**

Use the Daylight Savings time-change as a reminder to check the batteries.

LINKS

[A Guide to Residential Wood Heating](#)

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[The Wood Heat Organization](#)

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