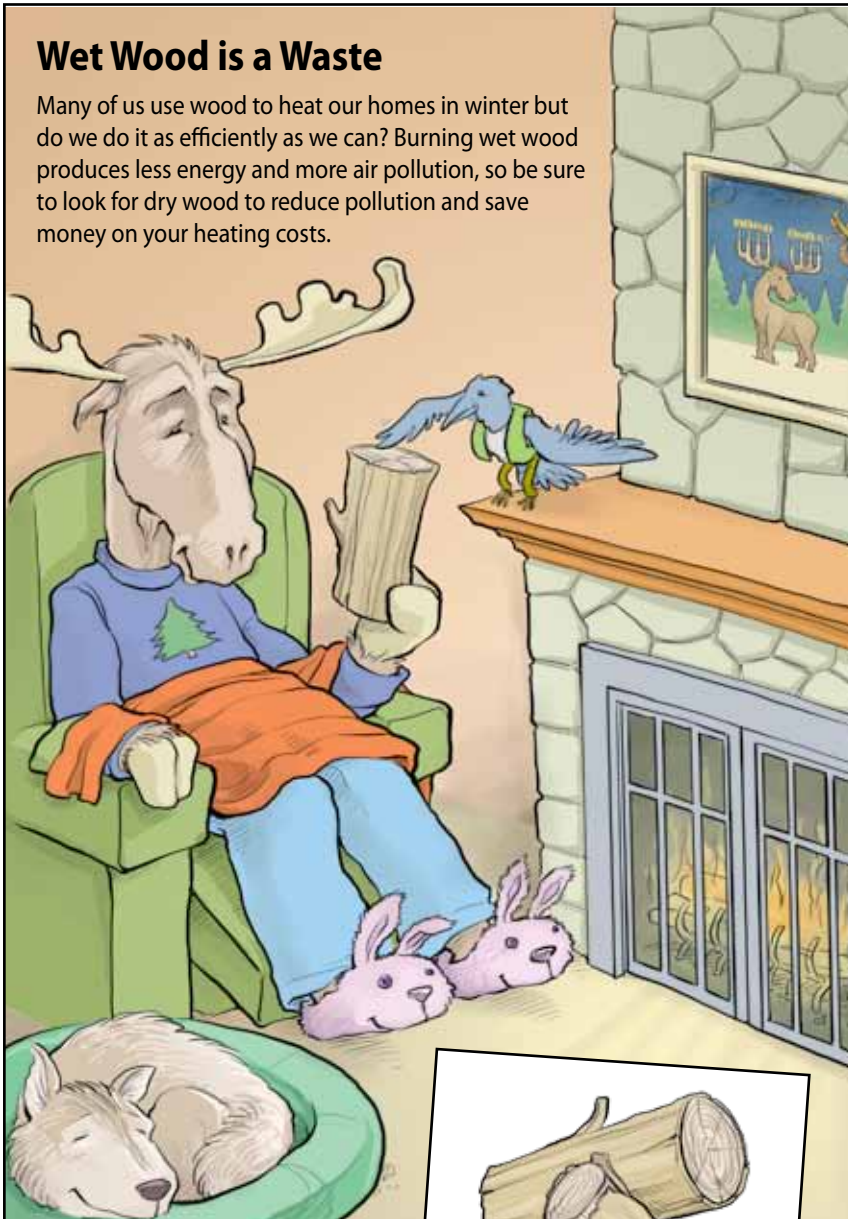


## Wet Wood is a Waste

Many of us use wood to heat our homes in winter but do we do it as efficiently as we can? Burning wet wood produces less energy and more air pollution, so be sure to look for dry wood to reduce pollution and save money on your heating costs.



### Dry wood:

- is lighter
- has cracks in the ends
- sounds hollow when pieces are knocked together

In Alaska, six months is the minimum to dry split and properly covered softwoods and 12 months for hardwoods. Burning dry means less of your wood-cutting effort goes up in smoke!

Considering supplemental heating with wood? The right equipment can mean the difference between a pretty glow and a valuable addition to home heating. Learn how to choose the right stove, insert, or retrofit for your home at [www.epa.gov/burnwise](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise).

Wood-fired boilers are regulated in the municipality so before any purchase or installation, call the Municipal Air Quality section for information at (907) 343-4200.



**Winter is almost here!**  
Get ready to use your engine block heater. Here's how.



- Locate your outdoor extension cord and timer.
- Mount the timer near your outdoor outlet, above snow level and safe from the plow, where you can access it throughout the winter.
- Set the timer to actual time and program it to supply electricity two to three hours before your morning commute.
- Plug in your vehicle when you get home from work whenever the temperature is predicted to dip below 20°F.

**Your car or truck will thank you for it!** For timer instructions and information, see the Plug@20 page at [www.muni.org/health](http://www.muni.org/health).

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