

Tips and instructions for using the fireplace

- 1. Stack the wood in the fireplace in a fire-safe manner.** Before lighting, stack a small amount of wood in the fireplace in a way that it stays completely inside the fireplace. Add more wood when the fire is burning properly. Position the firelighter so that it is not right on the edge of the fireplace door. Open the air vent on the fireplace door for combustion air.
- 2. The fireplace is not intended for burning waste.** You may not burn waste in the fireplace or use forbidden substances, such as liquid fuels, as lighters. Do not burn food, plastics, packaging waste, painted or impregnated wood or chipboard in the fireplace. Burn only firewood in the fireplace.
- 3. Open the fireplace flue damper! Some fireplaces have two dampers, one of which is a flue damper (which must be opened every time you light a fire) and the other an ignition damper that is only used when you need a draught to help in lighting the fire.** Leaving the ignition damper open increases the risk of a fire. If the flue damper is not opened, the smoke from the fireplace will come into the cottage. You may only close the flue damper when the fire box is dark. Never burn a fire with the ignition damper open! Only use the ignition damper when you need a draught to light the fire.
- 4. Remember moderation when using the fireplace – do not overheat.** If you overheat the fireplace or burn too much wood in it, it could damage the structure of the fireplace. Overheating could also cause fissures to form in the fireplace. A temperature too high could damage and deform the glass and metal parts. Only burn the fireplace for a few hours at a time – not continuously.
- 5. Remember the safety distance.** All flammable materials including clothes, newspapers, toys etc. should be kept at least one metre away from the fireplace door so as to keep them from catching fire. The top and sides of the fireplace must also be kept clear.
- 6. Remove the ashes unless instructed otherwise by the owner of the cottage.** For information regarding the removal of ashes, contact the owner or caretaker of the cottage. Do not move the ashes anywhere they could cause a risk of a fire or carbon monoxide. The ashes should be removed into a metal container with a lid outside the cottage.
- 7. Do not burn candles on top of the fireplace or fire grate.** It is not allowed to burn candles on top of the fireplace because they can cause a fire hazard. However, if you want to burn candles inside the fireplace, remember to burn them on a non-flammable base – glass, ceramic and stone are the best bases for this purpose. If candle wax drips into the ash pan, it could cause a dangerous situation later. If there are multiple candles on the same base, leave a space of at least five centimetres around each of them. Otherwise the candles will heat each other, and gasified wax could burst into a big flame.
- 8. Do not leave a burning fireplace unattended.** Like candles and other fire sources, the fireplace must also be supervised the entire time it is burning. Do not leave children alone near the fireplace.
- 9. Remember the risk of carbon monoxide!** Do not close the fireplace damper as long as there are glowing embers in the fireplace!

Questions about using the fireplace?

Please contact the owner or caretaker of the cottage if you have questions concerning the use of the fireplace or stove.