Using wood and biomass properly for heating

When wood is cut down its cells are full of water. Burning such wet or 'green' wood wastes heat in making steam and produces flammable, acidic tars which rapidly damage your stove and chimney.

60% of the wood used for heating in the Western Balkans is not properly dried.

Using dry wood can save money and protect health by reducing emissions.

Simple steps to properly dry and store wood:

1. Split

   Split wood to dry faster

2. Stack

   Stack wood with split side down, to allow air circulation, away from house, keeping it off the ground

3. Cover

   Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain, and to allow air circulation

4. Store

   Wait 6 months for softwood (e.g. pine, spruce, fir) and 12 months for hardwood (e.g. beech, ash, oak) before using it in order to let it dry.

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