

2026 Product Guide: **Woodburners**



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TOP WOODBURNERS

	Brand	Model	Avg price	Type	Emissions	Efficiency	Dimensions	ULEB/LEB	Wetback	Overall score
🔗	Tropicair	Duo	\$5,929	Freestanding	95	95	620 x 970 x 365mm	ULEB	Optional	95
🔗	Tropicair	Duo Wet	\$6,426	Freestanding	91	90	620 x 970 x 365mm	ULEB	Yes	90
🔗	Pyro Fires	Classic ULEB	\$4,249	Freestanding	87	83	455 x 625 x 650mm	ULEB	No	85
🔗	Woodsmen	Kanaku	\$2,375	Freestanding	87	83	502 x 620 x 473mm	ULEB	No	85
🔗	Woodsmen	Kanaku Wood Box	\$2,699	Freestanding	87	83	502 x 800 x 474mm	ULEB	No	85
🔗	Tiba	T-Art	\$20,500	Freestanding	68	90	466 x 1500 x 529mm	ULEB	No	81
🔗	Tiba	T-Sky	\$21,800	Freestanding	68	90	475 x 1660 x 573mm	ULEB	No	81
🔗	Tropicair	Rua	\$4,650	Freestanding	91	73	540 x 1010 x 375mm	ULEB	No	80
🔗	Ethos	Galaxy FS100	\$4,999	Freestanding	75	78	540 x 740 x 485mm	LEB	No	77
🔗	Ethos	Genesis FS100	\$4,999	Freestanding	75	78	540 x 740 x 485mm	LEB	No	77
🔗	Ethos	Phoenix FS101	\$5,299	Freestanding	75	78	540 x 670 x 485mm	LEB	No	77
🔗	Woodsmen	Brunner MKII	\$2,649	Freestanding	79	75	615 x 730 x 615mm	LEB	Optional	77
🔗	Woodsmen	Tasman MKII	\$3,239	Freestanding	79	75	615 x 730 x 615mm	LEB	Optional	77
🔗	Yunca	Tommi Inbuilt (CA 0.4)	\$13,500	Insert	83	73	1246 x 803 x 832mm	LEB	No	77
🔗	Pyro Fires	Mini (wetback) LEB	\$4,148	Freestanding	87	68	455 x 625 x 452mm	LEB	Yes	76
🔗	Maxen	Cargill 350	\$3,200	Freestanding	79	73	510 x 865 x 536mm	ULEB	Yes	75
🔗	Maxen	St Clair 350	\$3,200	Freestanding	79	73	510 x 865 x 536mm	ULEB	Yes	75
🔗	Metro	Ambie plus	\$4,099	Freestanding	83	70	671 x 759 x 550mm	LEB	Optional	75
🔗	RAIS	Bionic fire	\$11,280	Freestanding	71	78	411 x 1250 x 404mm	ULEB	No	75
🔗	RAIS	Bionic fire Studio	\$11,680	Freestanding	71	78	409 x 1381 x 410mm	ULEB	No	75
🔗	Woodsmen	Tarras MK III	\$3,725	Freestanding	83	70	765 x 772 x 627mm	LEB	Optional	75
🔗	Blaze King	Chinook 20	\$5,864	Freestanding	87	65	645 x 826 x 664mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Blaze King	Chinook 30	\$6,405	Freestanding	83	68	742 x 902 x 715mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Blaze King	Sirocco 20 Leg	\$5,439	Freestanding	87	65	635 x 835 x 670mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Blaze King	Sirocco 20 Ped	\$5,439	Freestanding	87	65	635 x 835 x 670mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Blaze King	Sirocco 30 Leg	\$5,864	Freestanding	83	68	697 x 904 x 750.2mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Blaze King	Sirocco 30 Ped	\$5,864	Freestanding	83	68	697 x 904 x 750.2mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Ethos	Ares Frame IS100D	\$5,299	Insert	87	65	615 x 736 x 465mm	LEB	No	74
🔗	Ethos	Ares IS100D	\$4,999	Insert	87	65	615 x 650x 465mm	LEB	No	74
🔗	Kent	Logfire II	\$2,199	Insert	79	70	860 x 650 x 522mm	LEB	No	74
🔗	Kent	Rata	\$2,199	Insert	79	70	950 x 645 x 522mm	LEB	No	74
🔗	Masport	Rangitata Masonry with Fascia	\$3,299	Insert	83	68	900 x 660 x 510mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Masport	Rangitata Zero Clearance Box & Fascia	\$3,999	Insert	83	68	900 x 660 x 510mm	ULEB	No	74
🔗	Metro	Wee Rad	\$2,349	Freestanding	75	73	615 x 688 x 501mm	LEB	Optional	74
🔗	Metro	Wee Rad Base	\$2,299	Freestanding	75	73	615 x 691 x 501mm	LEB	Optional	74
🔗	Metro	Wee Rad Woody	\$2,499	Freestanding	75	73	615 x 758 x 501mm	LEB	Optional	74
🔗	Warmington	Lewis	\$4,999	Freestanding	68	78	580 x 860 x 580mm	LEB	Optional	74
🔗	Masport	Waimakariri (Pedestal with Ash Pan)	\$2,999	Freestanding	87	63	623 x 713 x 616mm	ULEB	No	73
🔗	Pyro Fires	Mini ULEB	\$3,749	Freestanding	87	63	455 x 625 x 452mm	ULEB	No	73

GUIDE TO THE TABLE: ULEB = Ultra-low-emission burner. LEB = Low-emission burner.

For full results and commentary, visit [Woodburners: expert reviews, buying guide and advice](#).

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► Pollution and emissions

If you live on a property smaller than 2ha, then you need to install a wood burner that meets the National Environmental Standards (NES) for emissions and efficiency (also known as clean air or urban models).

Models with high efficiency extract more useful heat from each log. Models with low emissions reduce the risk of smoke, which can cause respiratory issues and stink up your street.

Our emissions and efficiency scores give an indication of the relative performance of each wood burner, so you can compare models – a score of more than 70% indicates above-average performance.

Most wood burners in our database are NES-compliant, meaning they have emissions of 1.5g/kg or lower, and an efficiency of at least 65%. But, depending on where you live, this might not be enough. Some parts of the Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Canterbury and Central Otago are much stricter about emissions.

► Ultra-low-emission burners

Ultra-low-emission burners (ULEBs) are designed to be installed in areas where older burners are outlawed – they meet stringent standards and can be installed in clean-air zones. They're also highly efficient. Low-emission burners (LEBs) are models that have been approved by Environment Canterbury for continued use in some Canterbury clean-air zones but cannot be installed new.

► Choosing a wood burner

Will it be powerful enough?

Working out the heating capacity (kW) required for your home is critical. Wood burners lack the fine control of a heat pump – too small and your burner won't keep your home at a healthy temperature; too large and you risk turning your home into an oven.

As a rough guide, models under 10kW are best suited for smaller, well-insulated spaces, while large or poorly insulated spaces need more than 10kW.

Freestanding or insert?

If you have an existing open fireplace, an insert wood burner will fit inside the cavity. Freestanding models are the best option for newer households and can now be placed closer to walls, with smaller clearances than older freestanding models.

Radiant or convector?

Radiant fires offer an intense, toasty heating effect, ideal if you've got high ceilings or poor insulation. Convector fires produce a softer, ambient heat through a cyclic convection effect. They heat more evenly and are better for homes with good insulation and low ceilings. Many models combine both heating modes.

Wetbacks

A wetback lets you use the fire to heat your water; the heated water is then sent to a hot-water cylinder to store until it's used. Wetbacks are a great way to heat water without using electricity.

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