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YOUR INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

Before the System is Installed

While the System is Being Installed

After the Installation is Completed

Before the System is Installed:

- Get a permit from your municipal building department. Some municipalities require that you get a building permit just to exchange an older stove for a new one.
- Contact your insurance agent to find out if the installation will affect your premiums. If there will be an increase you think is too high, shop around. Insurance company treatment of wood-heat installations varies widely.
- Spend some time with your retailer, installer or contractor going over the plans for the installation. Make sure you understand what is involved and what the cost will be. If you are installing the unit yourself, get advice from a trained professional on any points for which you need help.
- Read the manufacturer's installation instructions carefully.

While the System is Being Installed:

- Satisfy yourself that the manufacturer's instructions are being followed exactly. If the installer deviates from the instructions, ask why.

After the Installation is Completed:

- Check the installation over to be sure it meets code requirements.
- Have the installation inspected by your municipal building department. Some municipal building and fire departments are reluctant to inspect wood-heat systems. In some cases these departments will refer you to a local WETT-certified retailer, installer or chimney sweep for inspection.
- Notify your insurance agent that the installation is complete.
- Install at least one smoke detector on or near the ceiling at the exit to the room in which the appliance is installed. Replace the batteries annually.
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector at or near ceiling level.
- Buy a labelled and approved ABC-type fire extinguisher and store it near the installation. Follow the instructions on the extinguisher label for maintenance procedures.

