

How to use the Saltfire ST1 wood burner

1. The stove will get very hot and can easily burn skin. You know better than we do whether your children can be trusted next to a lit stove, so consider the risks and proceed assuming the responsibility is entirely your own.
2. The general principle for using a woodburner is the extract heat into the room and not exhaust it into the atmosphere. Think the glowing embers of a barbecue rather than a roaring camp fire. Gentle flames leading to red hot embers provides heat.
3. There is a mobile carbon monoxide alarm near the stove and a permanent one on the cottage ceiling alongside a smoke detector. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds (go on, press the test button on the white detector now to learn what it sounds like) then there is an issue. Close down the fire (see 12 below) and open windows and doors to get ventilation. Then call us!
4. It's good to have a layer of ash on the fire bed. Probably, there will be one there when you start. Add a fire lighter and some crunched up newspaper, small pieces of wood and one log on the top.
5. Now check the stove settings. With the door open you will see at the bottom, in the middle is a ring. Pull it towards you to open the air vent. On the glass door, bottom left under the rim move the lever to the RIGHT.
6. Now, put your hand in the stove at the top. Can you feel a draught coming DOWN the chimney? If so, no stove tonight. Sometimes, a temperature inversion causes air to flow downwards and if you light the fire the cottage will fill with smoke. DON'T DO IT.
7. Otherwise, light the firelighter and close the door to within an inch of the latch. This will cause a draw on the flue and the fire will rapidly and loudly spread.
8. After a minute or two push back the silver ring at the bottom of the stove. The one you pulled out in point 5 above.
9. Add a maximum of 2 more logs and then close the door of the stove.
10. Watch the logs until they've caught alight.
11. Once that happens you need to reduce the air reaching the fire. Take the heat glove provided and now move the lever at bottom left to the LEFT little by little until the flames wilt a bit. All should be good.
12. When you've had enough (or are going to bed) close the fire by moving that control lever at bottom left all the way to the LEFT.