

Firewood and Manufactured Solid Fuels

In May 2021, the law regarding the selling of manufactured solid fuels (MSF) and firewood changed.

Firewood sold ready packaged should have a moisture content of 20% or less, so that it burns without emitting smoke and particulates that damage air quality and reduces its environmental impact.

All packaging must display:

- Approved 'Ready to Burn' logo
- Supplier's company name
- Unique certification number



Storage requirements if stored outdoors:

- Covered to protected from direct rain
- Off the ground
- Allow air to circulate
- Stock rotated so older wood is sold first

If handled or stored incorrectly plastic bags can split, leak, or sweat which allows the wood inside to re-absorb moisture and means that it is no longer compliant with the legislation.

It is an offence to sell wood with a moisture content above 20% under The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 and may be subject to a £300 Fixed Penalty Notice.



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