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THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PURCHASING A HEARTH PRODUCT

Fuel Type

The kind of fuel the hearth product is burning is the key determination of how the fire will look and feel. The following are brief descriptions of each fuel type.

Wood

A wood-burning fire provides optimal visual entertainment and is ideal for both heating and decorative hearth products. From brilliant and blazing to slow and steady, there is a natural ebb and flow to the flame – with constant action. Wood also adds the elements of crackling, popping and hissing that some feel is an essential aspect to the fireplace experience. Quality, availability and price of wood will vary from region to region.

Gas

A gas fire delivers the peaceful ambiance of a wood-burning fire, but flames are more even and consistent. With several models, the flame height and intensity can be adjusted. Log sets are ceramic and designed with fine details like charred edges, textured bark and a glowing ember bed to maintain an authentic feel. Gas products are available to operate with propane (LP) or natural gas.

NOTE: Check local service for availability

Pellet

An optimal fuel for heating hearth products, pellets offer a unique and dramatic fire experience and deliver powerful, dense heat. The fires tend to be very active and constant. The flames are dense and powerful, offering a brilliant glow. Quality, availability and price of pellet fuel will vary from region to region. Pellet stoves are typically easier to operate than a woodstove but do require regular cleaning and quality fuel

Electric

Electric fireplaces use light projection to simulate a burning fire. The fires often have similar characteristics of a gas fire with consistent flame activity.

Venting

The type of venting options depends on the hearth product – there are a variety of systems available. Your home environment, type of appliance, altitude, weather, and installation requirement will often dictate what configuration is appropriate, so be sure to consult a Lennox professional, builder or remodeler.

Wood and pellet

Wood-burning and pellet products offer one option for venting: a chimney and a fan-assisted vent.

Gas

Gas products offer several venting configurations. The gas-vent brings air into the firebox for combustion and also releases exhaust emissions. There are three venting configurations available:

Direct-Vent (Gas)

Receives 100% of combustion air from outside of the home for greater efficiency and is ideal for airtight homes. Also features ceramic glass panels that seal the combustion area for efficiency and safe indoor air quality. Perfect for new applications

B-Vent (Gas)

Draws combustion air from inside the home and vents combustion exhaust to the outdoors. Usually used with the replacement of a woodstove.

Vent-Free or Ventless

Draws combustion air from inside the home and is designed to burn so efficiently and completely that it eliminates the need for venting. Check for local building codes.