Step 3: Practice Fireplace Safety



Have your fireplace inspected and cleaned annually. A fireplace is a fantastic feature and a cozy way to warm up a room, but it's important to keep up with its maintenance. Make sure yours is properly vented to the outside and inspect it for any leaks in the exhaust pipe. Clean your chimney regularly with chimney rods and brushes designed for chimney sweeping or hire a professional.

Don't burn anything in the fireplace other than normal wood and never leave a fire unattended under any circumstances. Be sure your children understand fireplace safety and monitor them and your pets at all times when they are around a burning fireplace.