

Woodstove Requirements

- Solid fuel burning appliances should be installed as follows:
 - Woodstoves should not be located in any place where flammable or gas vapors are present.
 - Woodstoves are not permitted in any garage.
 - Woodstoves should be installed by manufacturer's specifications, please provide a copy if their requirements allow lesser clearances,
OR
 - as specified by the below guidelines.

- Clearances:
 - Clearance of a stove to an unprotected combustible wall or ceiling 36 inches.
 - Minimum clearance of a stove **with clearance reduction**, 12 inches to non combustible wall.
 - From the pipe to a combustible wall or ceiling 18 inches.
 - Mat clearance 18 inches all the way around.
 - Fuel storage or any combustible items should be 36 inches away from any side of the appliance.

- Clearance reduction – Wall protectors:
 - Masonry wall with ventilated air space 12 inches:
 - For pipe to wall 6 inches,
 - For pipe to ceiling 9 inches.
 - 24 gauge sheet metal with ventilated air space 12 inches :
 - For pipe to wall 6 inches,
 - For pipe to ceiling 9 inches.
 - Noncombustible insulation board with ventilated air space 12 inches :
 - For pipe to wall 9 inches,
 - For pipe to ceiling 12 inches.
 - For other reduction clearances please contact underwriting.

- Please note these are minimum requirements for underwriting purposes only for Virginia Property Insurance Association. Please contact your local professional to confirm if the installation of your woodstove is safe.