

Pre-Shopping Checklist – Help us discover the right product for you and your home

Shopping for a fireplace can be a confusing process; we want to help guide you through the process so that you are using your time wisely and finding the product that will best meet your needs. Before you visit our showroom, please take a couple of minutes to answer a few questions so that you will be better prepared to make your store visit pleasurable and productive.

1. Which of the following best describes your project?
 - Converting an existing wood-burning fireplace
 - Adding a fireplace to a room where one does not exist today (existing room or addition)
 - Building a new home that will include one or more fireplace
2. Which fuel type are you most interested in using:
 - Gas
 - Wood
 - Electric

Advantages/Disadvantages:

Gas:

- Advantages
 - Easy to use – just flip a switch
 - Flexibility of installation – can install in almost any room
 - Control of heat and temperature – instantly turn on and off as well as adjust flame height
 - Direct vent gas fireplaces are extremely efficient and maintain indoor air quality
 - Requires no electricity to operate – can supplement a home's heat or be a back-up heat source
 - Clean operation – no ashes or chimney to clean
- Disadvantages
 - Lose the smell and sound of a wood fire
 - No tending to the fire

Wood:

- Advantages
 - Enjoy all of the senses of the fire – beauty of flames & glow, smell of the burning wood and crackling of the logs
 - Overall experience of chopping wood and building & maintaining the fire
 - Can be used to supplement the home's heat and reduce heating bills.
 - Can be used to lower energy expense where wood is readily available and inexpensive
- Disadvantages
 - More time consuming to build and maintain the fire
 - Need to cut, stack and haul wood as well as clean ash and chimney
 - Some people are sensitive to odors and particulates from Woodburning fireplaces
 - Wood may be more expensive than gas in certain areas
 - Less control of heat – gradual build-up and reduction of heat

Electric:

- Advantages
 - Easiest product to install – just plug it in
 - Can be moved from room to room or take with you when you move
 - Great for homes where wood or gas is not an option such as apartments or condos
- Disadvantages
 - Less realistic flame compared to other fuels
 - Lower heat output
 - Higher cost of operation per BTU of heat

3. Please check any of the following features that are important to you:
 - Heat
 - Not too much heat

- Efficient
- Stylized trim options
- Soothing slow flame design
- Large viewing area
- Lively flame design

4. If you are converting an existing wood-burning fireplace, please gather the following information to help us determine the best product for you:

a. Shape of existing opening:

- Rectangle
- Corner
- Arched
- See-thru

b. Dimensions of existing opening:

Front height left _____	Front height right _____
Front height center _____	Back height _____
Front width _____	Back width _____
Depth at bottom _____	Depth at top _____

c. Fireplace location in home:

- Main level
- Lower level
- Bedroom

d. Fireplace facing:

- Smooth surface
- Rough surface
- Doors on existing fireplace

5. If you are adding a fireplace to a room where there is no fireplace today, please gather the following information to help us determine the best product for you:

a. What are the dimensions of the room:

Length _____ (feet)
 Width _____ (feet)
 Height _____ (feet)

b. Where will the fireplace be located in the home: (may check more than one)

- Main floor
- Bedroom
- Outside wall
- Inside wall
- Corner
- Lower level:
- Walkout
- Knee-wall
- Below ground level (Full basement)

c. Other considerations that may affect choice of fireplace:

- Style of room (i.e. formal/informal)
- Concerns about children and heat from fireplace
- Integration of other components of remodel:
 - Built-in bookshelves
 - Entertainment center
 - Television over the top of the fireplace

If you are building a new home or working with a remodeling contractor, we can work with you and your builder/remodeler to coordinate the installation of a fireplace within the design, timing and budget requirements of your project. If you are working with a builder or remodeling contractor, please have the following information so that we can satisfy the needs of your building project:

- Name of building/remodeling company
- Builder/Remodeler contact and phone number
- Timing of project