



Rules for buying and selling coal are changing



Government legislation means that from 1 May 2023, in England it will be illegal for businesses, including Approved Coal Merchants, to sell house coal for burning at home.

If you currently burn coal at home, you should consider switching to smokeless manufactured solid fuel (MSF) now.

Your coal merchant can help you choose the right alternative fuel for your home and you should look for the Ready to Burn logo when buying MSFs and wood.

This new legislation is designed to improve air quality and is focused on reducing fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) emissions which come from many sources including burning solid fuels at home.

PM_{2.5} consists of dust, grit and smoke and has been identified as one of the most damaging air pollutants.

These changes will result in cleaner burning to help protect the health of householders and their neighbours.

MSFs burn more efficiently than house coal which means that as well as being less polluting, they're also more cost effective.

To find out more, speak to your coal merchant or contact the Solid Fuel Association:

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The Solid Fuel Association is supporting industry and consumers with this transition.



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