

Guidelines provide safety alternatives for wood-burning heaters, stoves

Increasing home heating costs have been sparking renewed interest in wood heating appliances. More and more energy-conscious Canadians are buying wood stoves and fireplaces to supplement their home heat system and cut down on their consumption of gas, oil and electricity.

Halton Fire Prevention Committee commends this swing to alternative heating sources, but expresses concern over the increased possibility of fires. Now that colder weather has arrived, Halton fire departments report an increase in the number of fires caused by improper installation, operation or maintenance of wood stoves.

"Proper installation is the key," says Firefighter

Harold Penson of Milton, the 1981 chairman of Halton Fire Prevention Committee, "Shoddy workmanship and failure to follow the manufacturer's directions are the two biggest faults," he adds.

The committee compiled this check-list for present and future users of wood stoves:

- check with the local building department for regulations and obtain a building permit, if necessary.
- inform your insurance company you plan to install a wood stove, because an additional premium may be necessary. Your insurance may not cover

the loss of a fire if you have not notified your agent.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on installation, clearances required, floor insulation pads and chimneys.
- make sure the room where the stove will be located, is well ventilated. Wood stoves consume oxygen and a separate ventilation pipe may be needed to feed the stove.
- install only a unit which has been certified by Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC).
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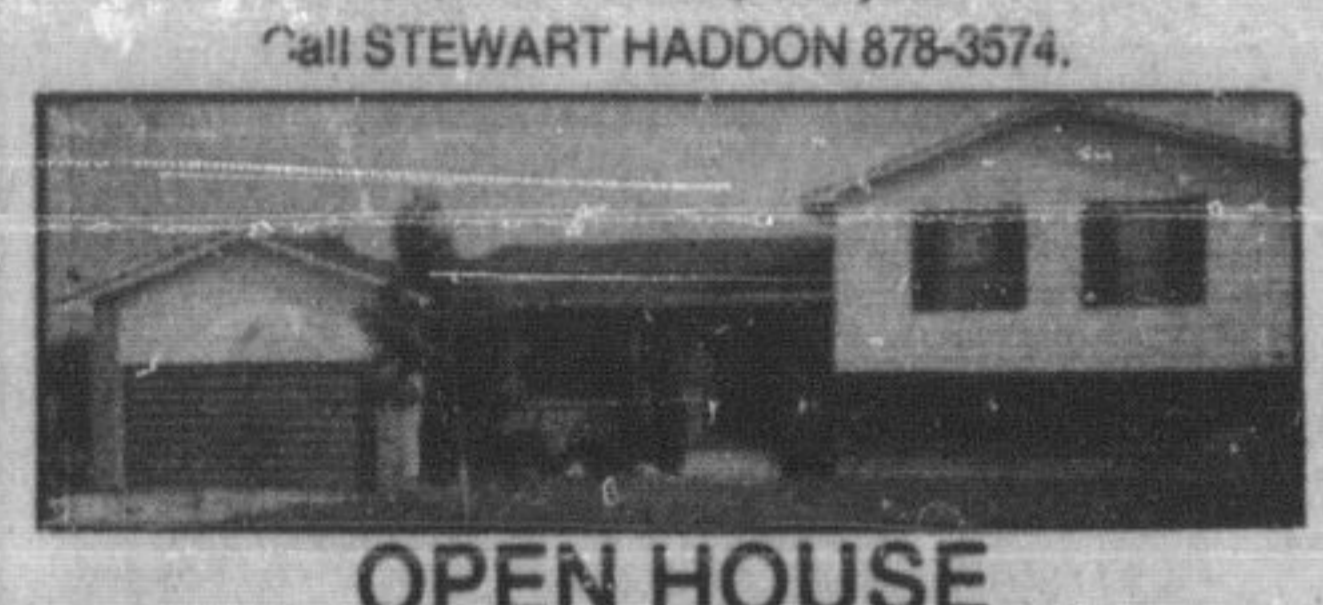
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