

Used Wood Stove Inspection Checklist

Basic Info

Brand and model (if visible): _____

EPA certification tag present: ☐ Yes ☐ No

UL/ULC safety label visible: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Stove size/BTU range: _____

☐ Catalytic ☐ Non-catalytic ☐ Hybrid

Exterior Condition

- ☐ Check for cracks in cast iron, steel, or stone surfaces.
- ☐ Inspect welds and seams for gaps or separation.
- ☐ Look for rust or corrosion, especially on base and back.
- ☐ Confirm legs and door hinges are sturdy and secure.

Firebox & Interior

- ☐ Check firebricks for cracks or missing pieces.
- ☐ Inspect baffle plate and air tubes for warping.
- ☐ Look for signs of over-firing (bent metal, white ash discoloration)
- ☐ Clean interior = cared for. Heavy creosote = neglect.

Doors & Seals

- ☐ Check door gasket. Does it feel soft, not brittle?
- ☐ Close a piece of paper in the door. If it slides easily, seal is weak.
- ☐ Inspect latch and handle function.
- ☐ Glass intact and free of deep soot buildup or cracks.

Chimney & Venting

- ☐ Note flue size and placement (top/rear vent).
- ☐ Inspect collar for rust or damage.
- ☐ Confirm it matches your existing system.

Final Notes

Cost to purchase: _____ Estimated cost to repair: _____

Safe to use as-is: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Needs Repair