

DIRECTIONS FOR CHIMNEY CLEANING

Chimneys need periodic examination and thorough cleaning to maintain efficiency and to reduce the chance of a chimney fire.

Build-up of creosote and soot that accumulates on the chimney walls reduces the draft needed by the stove or fireplace. Creosote is flammable and can easily fuel a chimney fire.

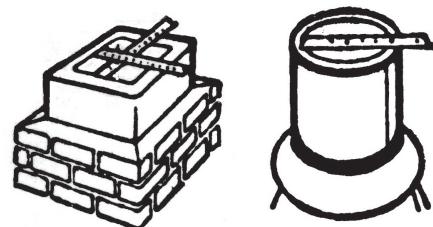
Methodical cleanings through the heating season combined with proper burning of fuel and systematic use of effective creosote and soot inhibitors, provides the best solution for trouble-free performance. We highly recommend an annual inspection and cleaning by a certified chimney technician. They have the equipment to examine your chimney for damage or situations that might represent a fire hazard.

Equipment needed:

Chimney Brush (correctly sized – see below)
Extension rods or rope and pull ring
Protective covering for furniture and rugs
Tape
Metal bucket
Small shovel
Broom or shop vacuum

Measure for correct brush size

Measure the INSIDE dimensions of the tile or pre-fab opening. Select a brush that is no larger than the inside dimensions. **NOTE: An oversize brush will not improve cleaning action and could become lodged in the chimney.**



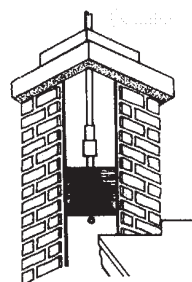
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For All Methods: Seal off fireplace or stove opening to prevent soot from entering the home. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished and the chimney is cold along its length before you begin. After you have finished cleaning, sweep or vacuum up all residue prior to using stove or fireplace. Be especially careful to check for debris behind damper, in smoke shelf area, in elbows or "T" connections. Clean brush after use and coat with a rust preventative.

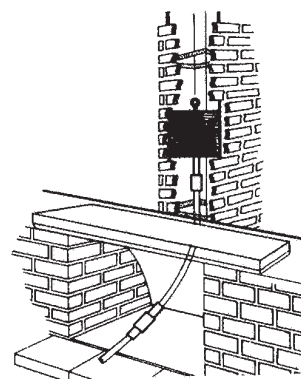
COMMON METHODS FOR CLEANING:

- Top Down Rod Method
- Bottom Up Flexible Rod Method
- Line and Weight Method
- Line and Pull Ring Method

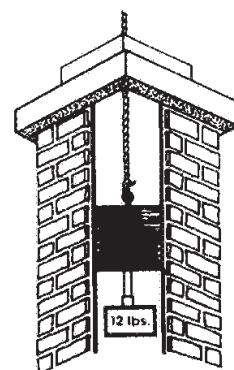
1. Top Down Rod Method: (Use Rutland rod Items 10624, 10672 or rod kit KRK-18) Attach the brush securely to one of the extension rods and lower the brush into the top of the chimney. Add more extension rods as necessary to reach the flue bottom. Work the brush up and down several times.



2. Bottom Up Flexible Rod Method: (Use Rutland flexible rod Item 16114) This method is often messy since completely sealing the opening cannot be done during cleaning. Cover area around opening to prevent staining rugs, furniture, etc. Attach the brush securely to one of the flexible rods and insert the brush through the fireplace damper or chimney clean-out door. Add more extension rods as necessary to reach the top of the chimney. Work the brush up and down.



3. Line and Weight Method: Removable chimney cap: Securely attach a compact 20 pound (minimum) weight to the threaded end of the brush using a pull ring (Item 16202) and a short piece of rope. Select a rope long enough to reach from the top to the bottom of the flue and secure it to the loop on the other end of the brush. Drop the weighted end of the brush down the flue and pull it back up. Work the brush back and forth several times. **Chimneys with a permanently fixed cap:** Select a rope long enough to reach from the top to the bottom of the flue. Thread the rope through an opening in the side of the chimney cap and drop one end of the rope to the bottom of the flue. Attach the bottom end of the rope to the loop end of the chimney brush. Thread a pull ring (Item 16202) to the other end of the brush. Attach a short piece of rope to the pull ring and securely attach a compact 20 pound (minimum) weight to the other end of the short rope. From the roof, pull the brush up the length of the chimney, and then allow the weight to pull it back down. Work the brush back and forth several times.



4. Line and Pull Ring Method: This method requires two people, one on the roof and one below at the clean-out or fireplace opening. This method is often messy since completely sealing the opening cannot be done during cleaning. Cover area around opening to prevent staining rugs, furniture, etc. Attach a pull ring to the threaded end of the brush then attach a rope to each end of the brush. Drop one rope down the chimney to the person below. Cleaning is done by alternately pulling the ropes to vigorously move the brush up and down in the flue.

