

More U.S. households turning to wood to stay warm

Burning wood logs and wood pellets to stay warm is becoming more popular for many U.S. households.

About 2.5 million households use wood and wood pellets as their primary heating source, up 35 percent in the last decade, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's updated winter forecast.

EIA's most recent residential energy consumption survey shows that about 1 in 5 new homes in the New England states use wood for space heating, water heating or cooking....which is almost twice the national rate.

Almost half of all rural households in New England burn wood compared with 12 percent of the region's urban households.

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