

As with any maintenance concerning this unit, be sure the unit is “OFF” and has completed the Shut-Down cycle **BEFORE** beginning. Be aware that metal parts in the firebox can remain **HOT** long after the fire has gone out and **EVEN** after the Shut-Down cycle is complete. Always use extreme caution when handling potentially hot stove parts, even if you think they should be cold.

ASH REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

IMPORTANT: While the amount of ash generated by this unit is not excessive compared to log-burning woodstoves, keeping the unit clean and free of ash is essential for peak performance. Too much ash build-up hampers airflow and reduces the unit’s efficiency, and can cause smoke-back. See the DVD for cleaning tips!

Daily Ash Maintenance

Press the “OFF” touch pad and allow the stove to shutdown (approx. five (5) minutes) prior to opening the door. A long-handled screwdriver or long-handled putty knife can be used to scrape off any build-up or crust in the burnpot area. **Remove and clean the burnpot (See page 15).** Daily cleaning may not be required when burning wood pellets.

Ash Pan

NOTE: The ash pan must be locked in place when the unit is in operation.

NEVER operate the unit with the ash pan out or unsecured! This unit has an ash pan for more convenient and hassle-free cleaning; to open, lift up on the handle, then pull the ash pan forward.

NOTE: There are two handles just above the ash pan. These control two access panels (one on each side) inside the unit (in the bottom), to put ashes into the ash pan. Pull the handles toward you to open the panels, push the ashes into the ash pan and then replace them, making sure that the area under each plate is clear before closing it. **The unit should be off and cooled before any ash maintenance.**

Semi-Weekly Ash Maintenance

NOTE: The Semi-Weekly Ash Removal maintenance should include the steps listed in this section *as well as* the steps listed in the Daily Ash Maintenance section.

Twice each week: Shut the unit down by pressing the “OFF” pad and allowing the unit to go through the complete Shut-Down cycle. Allow the unit to completely cool down and then remove the ashes. The ashes should be placed in a non-combustible container with an airtight lid and should always be placed on a non-combustible surface or on the ground until completely cooled and free of hot cinders. Once the ash is removed, the burnpot should be given a thorough inspection. **Remove and clean the burnpot (See page 15).** Check for any build-up in the front of the burn area. Clean out all air holes - these air holes should be kept clean, as they supply combustion air under and around the fuel. The Cradle assembly (in which burnpot rests) should also be thoroughly cleaned.

IMPORTANT: Ash build-up can cause the unit to malfunction.

Monthly Ash Maintenance

NOTE: The Monthly Ash Removal maintenance should include the steps listed in this section *as well as* the steps listed in the Semi-Weekly AND the Daily Ash Maintenance sections.

Use a screwdriver or chisel and break any creosote build-up in the front of the unit, where the pellets are fed into the burnpot from the Auger Tube. Also inspect your flue pipes, and remove ash buildup from the clean-out tee.

Annual Maintenance

NOTE: The Annual Cleaning maintenance should include the steps listed in this section *as well as* the steps listed in the Monthly, Semi-Weekly AND the Daily Ash Maintenance sections.

The stove and the flue system should be given a complete cleaning at the end of the heating season. Remove the burnpot (**See page 15**), clean it thoroughly, and re-install it. In addition to the cleaning mentioned for semi-weekly and monthly, the Combustion (exhaust) Blower should be removed annually and the blower tube vacuumed of any ash build-up. When cleaning or replacing the blower a new gasket (Part # PU-CBG) should be added between the blower flange and the steel exhaust tube. See the DVD video included with this unit for cleaning tips!