



**Improper storage of hot ashes can cause fire and carbon monoxide poisoning. To get rid of your ashes safely, you must:**

- Regularly empty the ashes from your fireplace, stove or furnace, never use a vacuum cleaner, but use a metal shovel;
- Put the hot ashes in a metal container with a raised bottom and fitted with a metal lid;
- Take the metal container outside, as hot ashes give off carbon monoxide;
- Store it on a non-combustible surface, at a distance of at least 1 m from any object;
- Wait at least 7 days before transferring the ashes from the metal container to another container (compost bin starting in January 2023) and stir the ashes to make sure they are completely cooled. If you can, keep the ashes outside all winter and dispose of them only in the spring.

