Why should I use a moisture meter?
It takes the guesswork out of knowing if wood is dry, seasoned, and ready to burn (below 20% moisture content).

You can buy a basic wood moisture meter online or at a hardware store for $15 - $40.

What are the benefits of burning dry, seasoned wood?
- Makes it easier to start, build, and burn hot fires
- Uses less wood to get the same amount of heat, meaning less wood to split and stack
- Reduces creosote build-up, and decreases chimney fires

What if I burn wood that has a high moisture content?
Wet wood produces less heat and more smoke and creosote. Wood smoke can harm your health and creosote is a chimney hazard.

To dry and season your wood, split, stack, cover and store it for at least 6-12 months. Split wood dries much faster than whole logs, and smaller pieces burn cleaner.

How do I test my firewood?

Test the newly split side of the log

Split the wood
Test the newly split side
Insert probes into the wood grain

Wood burns most efficiently when the moisture content is between 15-20%

Learn more at www.epa.gov/burnwise/videos