

ECO-CONSCIOUS FIREPLACES SPARK NEW INTEREST IN WOOD

Tulikivi Fireplaces: Efficient, Healthy Heating Alternatives



Ages ago, fireplaces were created to help defeat the environment. Today, Finnish-based company Tulikivi designs them to save it, producing some of the cleanest, most energy-efficient wood-burning fireplaces in the world. Adding to the “green” appeal of a Tulikivi fireplace is its healthy radiant heat output and use of a local, renewable, carbon neutral fuel – wood. These soapstone fireplaces are a traditional heating method in Finland, but are now winning converts here at a time when prices for oil and natural gas continue to soar. A variety of models will be on display in the Tulikivi booth (# 154) at West Coast Green 2008 in San Jose, September 25-27.

Typical wood-burning fireplaces send the majority of their heat up the chimney; not so with a Tulikivi. The soapstone soaks up the fire’s heat as it burns, stores it and then gently and steadily releases it after the fire is out. The size of the fireplace and amount of soapstone determines the heating capacity. Some models can heat up to 1,400 square feet for up to 24 hours. Emitting only soft, radiant heat, Tulikivi is recognized by the Finnish Allergy and Asthma Federation as a heating option for those households where asthma or allergies are a key concern, due to the extremely low particle emission of its latest collection of fireplaces (introduced in North America earlier this year). Tulikivi fireplaces supersede the strictest air quality standards in the world and help construction projects earn points toward LEED certification.

Tulikivi offers a variety of models, including lightweight, freestanding styles and fireplaces featuring bakeovens, through dealers across the United States and Canada. Prices are from \$5,700 to \$22,000 US, exclusive of customization and installation. For more information and to locate a dealer, visit the website at www.tulikivi.com or call 1.800.THEFIRE.

Hi-res images and installation shots are available upon request.

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