

# CHIMNEY CLEANING

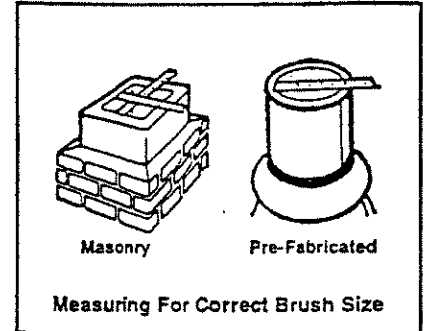
## WHEN TO CLEAN:

All chimneys must be cleaned periodically to remove soot and creosote. It is imperative that the chimney be inspected on a routine basis to determine an appropriate cleaning schedule since the build-up within the chimney is affected by many variables, including: burning habits, type of wood, outside temperatures, type of appliance, etc.

## HOW TO MEASURE:

Prior to actual cleaning it is important that the brush is correctly sized so that the bristles are in direct contact with the sides of the flue at all times (see illustrations).

- Masonry Chimney: Measure the inside of the tile in the center of both sides to nearest 1/4". Example: 7 3/4" x 7 3/4" – use 8" x 8" brush.
- Pre-Fab Chimney: Measure along the center axis in two directions of the extreme inside section where the brush would go.

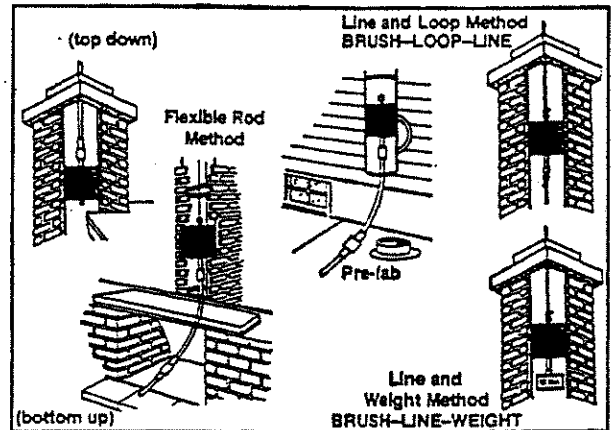


## SAFETY:

- Brush wires are sharp— handle with care!
- Use safety glasses
- Use safety rope and be careful of nearby electrical wires when working on roof.
- Carefully position ladder before climbing

## TOOLS:

- Chimney brush (properly fitted to your chimney)
- Drop cloth and tape
- Small broom, bucket, small shovel
- Scratch or wire bench brush
- Fiberglass extension rod kit or brush loop and non-organic line



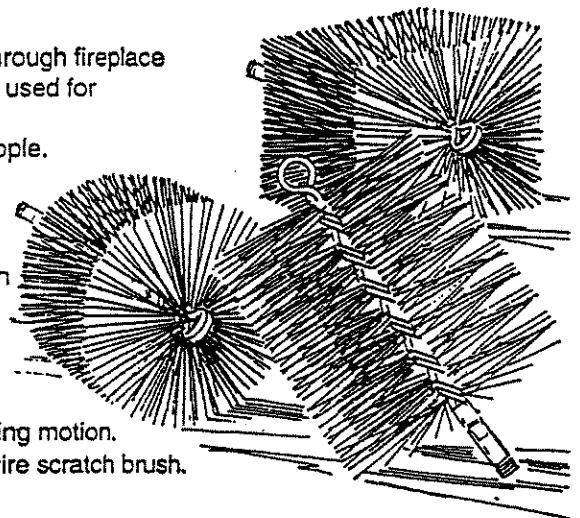
## METHODS OF CLEANING:

The flexible fiberglass rods can be used for bottom-up cleaning through fireplace opening, thimble or clean-out door in chimney. They can also be used for top-down cleaning.

- Line and loop method requires brush, loop, and lines with 2 people.
- Line and weight method requires brush, line, weight.

## PREPARATION AND CLEANING CHIMNEYS:

- Seal off the fireplace/flue openings or cover stove with drop cloth to prevent soot from escaping into house. For bottom-up cleaning cut small hole in drop cloth for rod to pass through and add rods as needed.
- Remove chimney cap if necessary.
- After brush is in flue, clean small area with up and down scrubbing motion.
- Clean interior walls of fireplace or connecting stove pipes with wire scratch brush.



## CLEAN-UP:

Allow dust to settle before removing drop cloth, flue covers or opening cleanout doors. Remove all debris, including all debris above damper if fireplace. Carefully inspect all interior and exterior walls for cracks. Clean brush and rods or lines. Spray brush with a rust preventative and store in original container.

