



Buying Fire; Tips to Avoid Costly Mistakes

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Let's face it. You don't decide to buy a new fireplace very often. Maybe once, twice in a lifetime? So when it comes time to look for a new fireplace, where do you even start? And how do you avoid the common frustrations that can hold up your project?

The good news is, we're here to help! You can save yourself time and headaches if you avoid these mistakes.



PRO TIP:

Take some photos of your fireplace, capturing the opening up close as well as the entire hearth and chase. Good lighting is important for your dealer to see all the details.



Mistake #1: Not Budgeting Properly for the Project

Because it's such an infrequent purchase, a new fireplace can be hard to budget for. You need to take into account not only the price of the fireplace itself, but also the cost of installation.

Every job is different, and our [free estimate](#) can help you understand exactly what you should budget for your entire project, which will ensure that you have proper expectations when it comes time to make your purchase.



Pro Tip

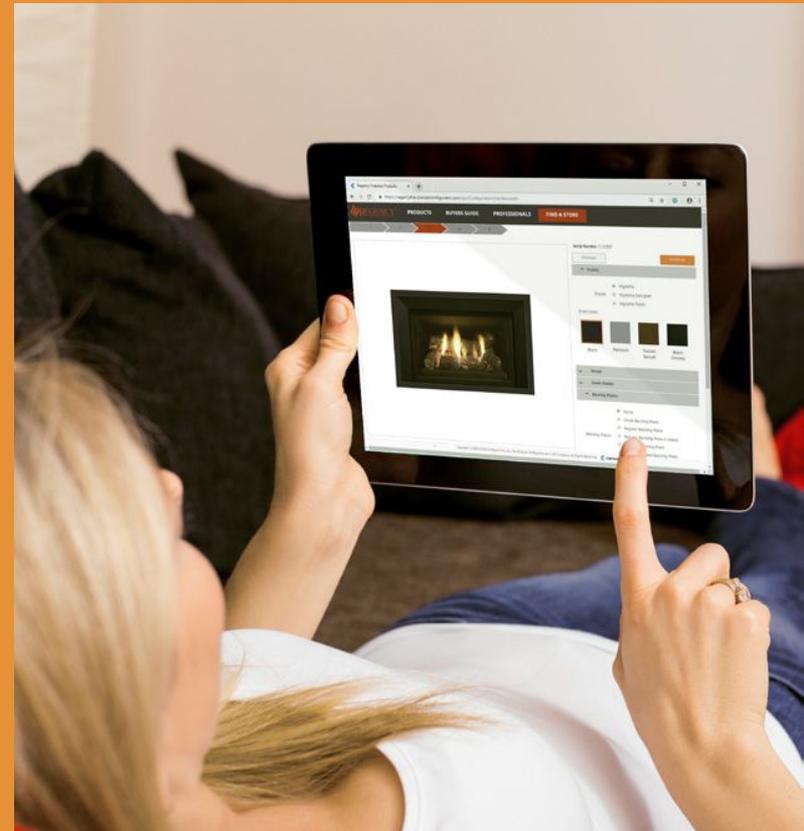
If you purchase a fireplace from a company that doesn't do installation, you'll probably need to get in touch with an installer, an electrician, a plumber, a designer, a contractor and even the local building department to get an idea of what your budget will look like.



Mistake #2: Getting Confused by All the Information

There are many different fireplace styles and terminologies, so it can be tough and a bit overwhelming to figure out what you want and what you need.

The key is to find a hearth professional who can act as a guide (and a teacher) to ensure that you understand everything about your fireplace before you make a decision. In fact, we recommend that no money change hands before a hearth professional comes to your house to look things over and answer your questions.



Pro Tip

If you're thinking of spending thousands of dollars to create a space that will be a gathering place for your family, don't you want to be sure that product works in your home?

The easiest way to ensure you'll be happy with your new fireplace is to work with a company that comes out ahead of time for an in-home preview. You'll have a clearer picture of what's going on in your home, and any issues can be dealt with in-person, instead of relying on third-party contractors. To get your free estimate, [click here](#).



Mistake #3: Skimping on the Installation Process.

You're putting fire in your home, so safety should be your top priority. Here are a few questions you should be asking your potential installation company to determine if their process is right for you:



- Is the installation company the same as the company selling products?
- What is the process if a wrong part is ordered? (If the company installing the fireplace isn't the company that sold it to you, this can cause big problems.)
- Does the installation company honor all factory warranties (parts and labor) on their jobs?
- Do they offer a free estimate on the entire project?

Pro Tip

Fireplaces are too complex to DIY. Make sure you're using a certified installer for your project. Yes, it's a little more money, but well worth it when you're considering putting a fire in your house on purpose. See certified installers in your area at [NFICertified.org](https://www.nficerified.org).



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Mistake #5. Giving Up on Your New Fireplace Because It's Overwhelming

There's no way around it—putting a fireplace in your house can be a complex process. But that doesn't mean it can't be broken down into simple steps.

Find a company that outlines a simple and clear process for completing the job. If they can't explain the job flow with steps to completion in 30 seconds, you might want to move on.



Pro Tip

Here is what we have found to be a successful path for happy clients and stress-free installations.

- Find the perfect fireplace for your home.
- Schedule a free in-home preview with a hearth professional.
- Enjoy a safe and easy installation.



Adding a fireplace to your home is one of the best upgrades you can make in terms of value, comfort, and experience. Avoiding these mistakes will help make the process a little smoother.

Thank You!

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