

# QUICK GUIDE ON HOW TO INSTALL A CHIMNEY BALLOON

Chimney balloons help to keep prevent heat loss by stopping the warm air going up and cold air down the chimney. It also insulates against sound, prevents debris and wildlife from falling in, reduces weather ingress and will save you money on your fuel bill every year. The chimney balloon should fit snugly against 4 sides of the chimney without fretting or rubbing. It should be somewhere you can easily reach with the inflation tube and can easily control the valve to inflate and deflate.

✓ Some dust and soot might fall when you're installing the balloon, so you may need to lay a sheet below the chimney before.

✓ Open the valve fully and attach the inflation tube to the valve.

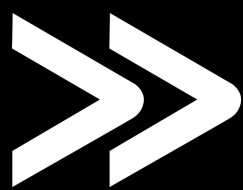
✓ Blow some air into the balloon so that it starts to inflate and there is enough air to allow you to place it in position.

✓ Insert the chimney balloon into the chimney with the tube facing downwards towards you.

✓ While you're inflating it make sure it's correctly positioned. It will move a little to where the chimney is widest.

✓ Inflate the balloon by either blowing through the tube or by connecting an airbed pump, until it is gently firm, do not over-inflate it.

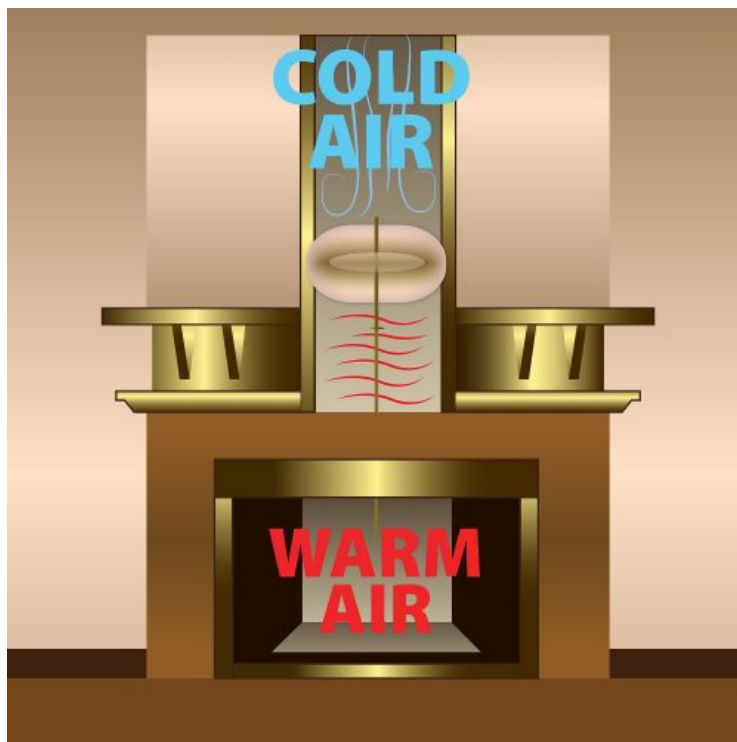




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Then close the valve and remove the inflation tube. After leaving overnight check the balloon, it may have deflated a little as the air cools, if so, open the tap and add some more air.



## Removal

Open the tap and let the air out before carefully removing the chimney balloon. It is made of tough plastic, but it doesn't like being scraped against rough chimney walls too much. Once it is removed and all the air has been removed, roll it up and store it safely until you need to use it again.

## Maintenance

If you are leaving the chimney balloon permanently in position, check it every 3 months or so to make sure it is fully inflated. Take it out once a year to make sure there is no accumulated debris above it. Sometimes, over time, friction against a rough chimney surface can cause small holes to occur. In this instance make sure the hole is clean and dry then simply stick a piece of adhesive tape over it. Make sure there are no wrinkles for air to trickle through.

## Safety

If you want to use the fireplace, your chimney balloon must be deflated and removed from the chimney before lighting a fire. If a fire is accidentally lit with the balloon in place, it will quickly shrink and fall into the grate. The bag is unlikely to burn if it stays in the chimney and the hand grip is not inflammable.