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Making fireplaces easier to maintain by [Smith](#)

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Just as the chilling winters arrive, people start restricting themselves within the confines of their four walls and prefer to curl on to their blankets and if possible sit besides fire or other heat generating machines. Outside on the streets one often encounters a group of people sitting around a small fire that has been lit using wooden planks and paper or sometimes charcoal and wonder if we too could join them. Not because of the piercing cold, we anyways have enough heat generating machines at home, but for the sheer joy of getting warmth from natural fire.

There was a time when every house had a fireplace and just as the winters approached people started mending their fireplace to host barbeque parties or snack-chats around them. What a blissful feeling to sit near the fireplace and enjoy other dancing and chatting. However, with changing times, homes started shrinking to mere two bedroom hall kitchen sets and there was no room for a fireplace. Those who missed having a fireplace would go on to spending a little more and having one made-to-order exclusively for them. Nevertheless, maintaining a fireplace can indeed be a tedious task.

This is probably why people hesitate to have a fireplace around their house even if they really want it. But just as it is said, where there is a will there is a way, we will tell you how you can easily maintain your fireplace with a little help from high pressure laminates without any problems.

Usually the most commonly encountered problem is keeping the surface around fireplace clean and cracks-less. This happens due to extreme heat from the fire emanating and affecting the area around the fireplace melting the surface and making it appear ugly. Whereas, if you use high pressure laminates around the surface then your fireplace will radiate energy and look clean and smooth. A very popular form of decorative laminates, these laminates are manufactured in a way that they can bear extreme pressure and remain unharmed. Being a variety of the decorative laminates, these laminates are extremely rich in looks and further accentuate the appearance of your fireplace.

Apart from this, the other most commonly encountered problem with fireplaces is the gas that fills the house. Usually this happens because the area around the fireplace is not appropriately ventilated. The outlet vaults may not be affixed rightly or may be way to up from the fireplace base as a result on its way up, the gas may also leak out from the sides causing people around to suffocate. This problem can be easily solved by using solid surface countertops base for your fireplace. Solid surface countertops can give your fireplace the required lift and the gas will easily reach the opening vault instead of leaking inside the house.

The two techniques mentioned here are very basic in nature but if followed will give great results. Therefore, try them out this winter and let us know if they worked.

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