

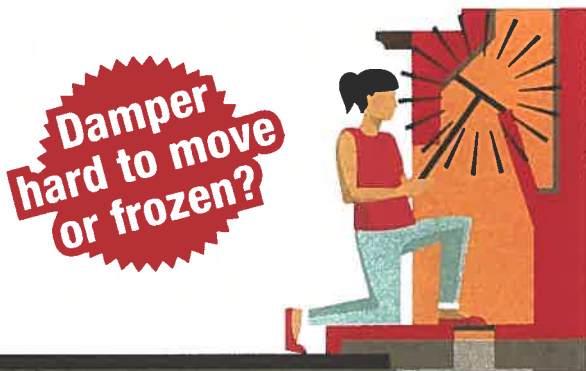
A Chimney Cap Keeps Out The Rain



If this was the only reason for installing a cap it would be enough. You will seldom see an uncapped chimney over five years old that isn't suffering from some kind of water damage. Go over to your fireplace right now and look at the back firewall near the base. Take a screwdriver or coin and run it across the mortar between the bricks. Seem a little crumbly? Or maybe it's obvious just looking at it. Rain puddles up behind that firewall, mixes with creosote in the chimney and turns into a highly corrosive acid which seeps down and attacks the mortar joints on the back wall of the fireplace. The mortar becomes weak and, the bricks on the wall become loose.

Rain can also set off a bad smell in the chimney. This will happen in warm weather, especially if the chimney is dirty or has animal droppings behind the firewall.

Rain also speeds the rusting of metal parts within your fireplace, like the damper and can make it stop working or very hard to operate.



A Chimney Cap Keeps Out Birds, Squirrels and Other Varmints

Birds are fun to look at but they do have a few bad qualities. Their droppings accumulate in a huge vulgar mass inside the chimney causing a bad smell and can be a breeding ground for mites and bacteria.

Squirrels and raccoons love to raise their young in the nice dark warm shelf, just a couple of feet from your living room and are the most common species to carry rabies and their droppings can carry nasty parasites.



A Chimney Cap Inhibits Backpuffing

Backpuffing (fireplace smoke coming back into the house) can result from several factors. One of them is downdrafts and a chimney cap can help decrease or eliminate downdrafts/backpuffing.



A Chimney Cap Keeps Out Leaves

Leaves can clog a flue and set off a chimney fire in a dirty flue. As you can see, there is probably no single investment that you can make for your chimney that will return more to you than a chimney cap. You have invested \$5 - \$10,000 in your fireplace, why not protect that investment.

Which of these Chimney Caps is best for your chimney? Ask the professional who handed you this brochure. They have the experience in your local area to help you make an informed decision.

