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5 NYC apartments for sale with working fireplaces

Fireplaces are harder to find as a result of NYC's building code and prewar renovations



If you're looking to buy a New York City apartment, you might want a place where you can cozy up to the fireplace as the weather cools down. Fireplaces give your apartment character and make it homey during the fall and winter months—but they also need to be maintained for safety.

Working wood-burning fireplaces are harder to come across because NYC's building code prevents new ones from being built and older ones are often sealed off during a renovation. So if your heart is set on a real wood-burning fireplace, you're going to have to focus your search on prewar co-ops. Gas and electric fireplaces are more common, which you can find in many new developments if that's your thing.

You should keep in mind that both wood-burning and gas fireplaces pose risks to your health and the environment. Wood-burning fireplaces require you to have the chute inspected and cleaned for safety—and can still emit pollutants. Gas fireplaces are considered better but they can affect your apartment's air quality. (Here are some fireplace alternatives for you to consider.)

Don't mind the risks and responsibilities? Check out these apartments for sale with fireplaces in Hamilton Heights, Murray Hill, West Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen, and the Upper East Side.

180 East 79th St., #10B, Upper East Side

This two bedroom, two bath is listed for \$2,275,000. The co-op has a wood-burning fireplace, built-ins, oversized windows, hardwood floors, high beamed ceilings, moldings, track lighting, stainless steel appliances, and through-the-wall air conditioning. Amenities include a doorman, gym, laundry room, and bike storage. Monthly maintenance is \$3,142.

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