Ok, let's start with some words of caution... Carbon monoxide kills, you can't smell it and you can't taste it. The project requires competent welding/join sealing etc. This isn't a project for cutting corners or shoddy workmanship, as that could get you killed.

That said - if you do have the appropriate skills, you can make an awesome pot belly stove for around $50, which is probably at least five times cheaper than buying one ready-made.

[Build A DIY Pot Belly Stove From A Gas Tank](http://knowledgeweighsnothing.com)

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