



BACKYARD FIRE PITS

Backyard fire pits are growing in popularity and it's important to think safety when burning a fire outdoors, just as you would when starting a fire in the living room fireplace. For best results, follow the manufacturer's directions when using your fire pit and obey other common sense rules.

Here is some advice:

- Keep the fuel pile small and contained within any outdoor fire unit.
- Keep the device a safe distance from buildings or other combustible material, at least ten-feet from your house and three-feet from outdoor furniture.
- Fire units are unsuitable for use on decks of multi-family type residences, such as an apartment building or duplexes.
- Fire experts recommend using untreated hardwood in these manufactured pits, though some units are fired with natural gas or liquid propane.
- Don't use gasoline, lighter fuel or other flammables to start the fire. Use some paper and kindling. Fire starters will cut down on the smoke that comes from burning paper.
- You should be careful not to stack the wood too high.
- A fire will last longer and be safer, if you start small.