

BACKYARD firepits

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Types OF FIREPITS



Campfire Ring

a metal ring used to contain your fire that is built directly on the ground.



Built-In Fire Pit

a permanent fixture in your backyard often constructed of stone or brick.



Fire Tub

similar to a fire pit bowl, however the tub is deeper, has a larger capacity and can be square, instead of round.



Fire Bowl

a bowl-like metal structure that is available in various sizes and self-contains a campfire



FIRE PIT SAFETY

Keep your fire pit experience safe and fun with the following safety tips:

1 Place the fire pit in an open area on a solid surface, but never on a wooden deck, grass, or any other flammable surface.

2 Never place a fire pit in an enclosed area or indoors.

3 Always keep a fire extinguisher, a garden hose or large bucket of sand nearby to smother the fire if necessary. Your fire extinguisher should be handy, in good working condition, and not close to its expiration date.



4 Use common sense and exercise courtesy as well as caution. Don't build a fire on a windy day. You don't want smoke blowing into neighbor's homes and backyards.

5 Start your fire small. Use recommended fire starters. Never use an accelerant or gasoline to start a fire. Suggested burning materials include wood, fire logs, and charcoal.



6 Never leave the fire unattended. Fire pits are **HOT** when in use and should be adult-supervised at all times. Extreme caution should be exercised when children are nearby.

7 As a precaution, the fire should be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high. Don't pile wood too high.



8 Use the wire mesh cover when the fire is lit to control flying sparks.



9 The screen handle is **HOT** when in use.



10 Use a heatproof barbecue mitt or poker tool to grasp the handle.

11 It is best to extinguish the fire completely once you have finished using it. Use a fire extinguisher, or enough water to douse the fire.



LOCAL ORDINANCES

Local government regulates the use of fire pits so it is important to check with your local office to see which ordinances are in place. A few regulations commonly in order are:

1. the size of the fire;
2. the distance from the fire to structures;
3. the use of fires outdoors during periods of drought or extreme heat, and;
4. whether proper extinguishing is available.

Check with your local government office to see which rules are in effect for your area. Safety is the key element to making sure your fire pit experience is a fun and enjoyable one.

FIRE PIT MATERIALS



POWDER-COATED STEEL

A lightweight and low-cost material that provides durability and portability.



STAINLESS STEEL

Although more expensive, stainless steel is light-weight, long-lasting, and rust-proof.



CAST IRON

Best used for fire containment structures that aren't intended to be portable. Cast Iron is heavy duty, sturdy, and a thicker material.



COPPER

A gorgeous, yet higher priced, material that beautifully reflects a campfire's flame.

TYPES OF WOOD TO USE



ASH WOOD

Ash burns very hot



FIR

Favorably smelling and easy to burn, fir is a smoky and sparky wood



OAK

Although harder to get burning, oak burns hot and produces little smoke



MAPLE

– the hard-to-light maple produces little smoke and odor



PINE

– Plentiful in nature, pine burns easy and has an enjoyable smell



SPRUCE

– Smoky and sparky, spruce is not a high-heat producer

When finding and using your own wood it is important to remain cognizant of woods overgrown with poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. If you come in contact with this wood when gathering it, you will develop a very itchy and unpleasant rash. Burning these woods will cause the irritants to enter your lungs through inhaling the smoke. Generally this is followed with a painful respiratory infection.

THROWING A FIRE PIT party



1 Make s'mores kits and give them to guests to have some old-fashioned campfire fun



2 Offer guests blankets so they can wrap up and get cozy

3 A boiling pot of water or cider is a great way to serve guests beverages. Keep hot cocoa mix on hand.

4 Benches and chairs that can be moved about allow for added comfort. Some guests may like sitting closer to the fire than others.

