



HOMEOWNER TIPS

Fire Pit Safety Tips

On a cool evening, gathering around a fire in your back yard can be a fun activity, but making sure that you're using your fire pit safely can mean the difference between an enjoyable night and a dangerous situation. Follow these tips to help stay safe:

- > Select a flat, level area for your fire pit, away from flammable materials, and construct your fire pit from non-flammable, dry materials, like rough stones, concrete blocks or bricks.
- > Keep your fire small and controlled, and avoid starting a fire on a windy day. Use small sticks, dry wood or paper to light your fire, and never leave it burning unattended.
- > Keep the area around the fire pit clear of debris, including leaves and sticks, and keep a fire extinguisher or hose nearby in the event of unexpected fire spread.
- > At the end of the night, be sure to extinguish your fire using plenty of water. Stir and spread the ashes to be sure they cool completely.
- > Watch the extinguished fire closely, and never leave it unattended until the embers stop smoking or steaming completely.

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