How to Enjoy your Fire Pit

For Easiest Assembly:
- To avoid losing any small pieces or hardware, assemble your product on a hard level surface
- Clear an area large enough to layout all pieces and hardware
- When applicable, tighten all hardware connections by hand first. Once the step is completed go back and fully tighten all hardware
- Follow all steps in order to properly assemble your product

Typical assembly: approximately 20 minutes

Positioning your Fire Pit
Fire Pits are outside products and should never be used indoors. Due to their excellent heat output, care must be taken to sit your Fire Pit on a firm, level, non-combustible base, not directly onto wooden surfaces and away from wooden fences or other combustible materials. The Fire Pit should not be positioned underneath overhanging branches, or anything else that may be set alight.

Let’s enjoy!
Just like a new grill it is a good idea to have a few fires before you use your fire pit for cooking. Never use gasoline or other petroleum based accelerants to get the fire going! Fat wood or fire starters work best! Never touch your fire pit while it is burning or even immediately after the fire is out. Keep children and pets a safe distance away from the fire pit.

To keep flying embers under control in your fire pit use the mesh spark screen provided.

What should I burn?
This is one of the most frequently asked questions. There are several types of wood which work great in fire pits and a few that are absolutely detrimental to your health. The size of the wood will vary depending on the size of your fire pit. We recommend using wood which fits within the unit and does not protrude out of the top. For shallow models the logs may protrude above the rim but be sure they do not cantilever over the sides.

Do Not Burn:
Pressure treated wood emits toxic gasses when burned. A good rule of thumb is that if it has a greenish tint it may be pressure treated. If you are not sure DON'T burn it!

Types of wood to burn:
There are several types of wood that many people love to burn however extra caution is needed. Just about any fireplace wood can also be used in a fire pit. Be sure it is seasoned for a more pleasurable experience.

Eco Logs is hands down the BEST wood to use. This product is manufactured from the dust of hardwood floor manufacturing companies and is compressed into logs at 80,000 PSI. These logs come in packs of 8 and are very inexpensive but burn much longer and with much larger flames than some of the fake logs you see in the supermarket or local home center. There is no paraffin used to hold the logs together so they burn slower and better!

Red Cedar has a nice aroma and keeps the mosquitoes away however it has a tendency to "pop" therefore be sure and have your spark screen on the fire pit.

Pinion Pine both smells great and wards off mosquitoes.

Apple is harder to come by but it is an excellent fire pit wood. Apple has a wonderful aroma.

Alligator Juniper - New Mexico Alligator Juniper - This traditional firewood will provide a unique aroma in your fire pit.
**Maintenance:**
The maintenance may vary depending on the type of material your fire pit is made from. Ideally you should remove the ashes from your fire pit the day after you use it. The great thing about a fire pit is that you will not have much maintenance. Covering your fire pit with a rain cover is recommended to keep the rain water out to help prevent rusting.

If screws or grill start to rust, place the items in enough plain white vinegar to cover it. Let the item(s) soak as long as needed. This may be as long as several days. Take item out of the vinegar solution when item appears to be clear of rust. The item may have a black gunk coating. Rinse the item with clear water and brush off any remaining rust or coating. Treat the item with oil such as WD-40 to protect it from rusting again. To prevent rust of screws spray with oil such as WD-40. Do not rub or wash off oil. Leaving coating on screw and apply as needed.

**Storing your Fire Pit:**
If you intend on leaving your fire pit outdoors it is a good idea to use a rain cover to protect it from the elements. Be sure your fire pit is completely cool before covering it! Although fire pits in general do well in adverse weather conditions it is a good idea to store it in the garage, shed or indoors during the off-season.

**General safety tips:**
Although most people are conscientious we always provide a few "common sense" tips just to be on the safe side.

- Always have a fire extinguisher handy when burning in your fire pit.
- Be aware of children and pets.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Do not touch your fire pit while it is in use.
- Do not extinguish your fire pit fire with water.

We hope that the preceding information will help you to enjoy your fire pit to its fullest!