

WARMING YOUR WINTER

Step 1



Clear your area and use a fire barrel, or fire ring.

Step 2



Put your fire starter or other method in the middle, covering it with kindling leaving an area to insert the match. Gather your kindling and fuel so you are ready to light your fire.

Step 3



Light the match near the fire and insert it in the area you left open. You may need to blow slowly on the fire to give oxygen to the fire.

Step 4



As you get more flame and heat you can add tinder.

Step 5



As the fire gets larger and hotter you can add the fuel. Fuel can be added continuously however long you wish the fire to last.

Step 6



When you are done with the fire you can either let it go out or douse it in water. The fire is dead when there is no heat and no smoke

Fire safety is crucial in the winter months as more and more people are utilizing fires for warmth. A safe fire is a contained fire. Fires need to be built in areas away from anything flammable or combustible. Fire safety comes first, always. Personal safety and containment are most commonly overlooked.

The size of the fire is another safety factor that needs to be considered before building a fire. What the objective of the fire is, whether it is for cooking, enjoyment, or eliminating debris determines the size of the fire. When putting out a fire, there are things you need to do to ensure that you and the people around you are safe, as well as your property. Pour water over the fire slowly in order to put it out safely. The fire is dead when there is no heat or smoke.

There are differences between sizes of wood and when to use them when building a proper fire. Kindling is small shavings of wood or sticks that are less than two inches. Tinder is larger sticks used after the fire is going, between 2-12 inches. Fuel is logs that will keep the fire going for a long period of time. You use kindling, tinder, and fuel in that order. There are some fire starters that work better than others to build a fire. It really depends on how wet the wood is. Fire is a great thing, but it needs to be dealt with in a proper way. Winter is just around the corner and we hope this article will help you have a warm and safe this winter.

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