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**Fires
Guide
Book**

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Here at Cheshire Logs Direct we pride ourselves on quality logs and great customer service, this is why we have put together a guide to help you light your perfect fire.

Over the next few pages you will find simple step-by-step instructions for your fire type.





Log Burner

- 1, Use an ash scraper to remove ash and other debris from the firebox of the wood burner.
- 2, Roll up individual sheets of newspaper and twist them so they do not come apart. You can also scrunch the newspapers into balls.
- 3, Place the newspaper in a small pile at the bottom of the fire box.
- 4, Set pieces of kindling on top of the newspaper in opposite directions. Separate the pieces so that they do not sit too closely together.
- 5, Light the newspaper in multiple spots.
- 6, Let the fire burn for a few minutes to let the kindling get hot.
- 7, Add one or two pieces of wood on top of the kindling. Cross the pieces so that air can circulate for optimal burning. Add more wood as the pieces burn down. You should only have three or four medium-sized pieces of wood burning at once.
- 8, Adjust the draft control to let more air in or restrict the airflow to the firebox. The draft control is typically a device that rotates and is located in the door used to clean out ash. You can use the draft control to adjust how much or how little you want the fire to burn more air will make the fire burn faster.



Chiminea

- 1, Place two pieces of seasoned, split firewood inside the opening of the chiminea. Next, add a few pieces of balled-up newspaper in the gap between the two pieces of firewood.
- 2, Add a few pieces of kindling on top of the pieces of newspaper. Kindling can be any type of dried wood pieces such as, small sticks, twigs or dried grasses.
- 3, Light the balled up pieces of newspaper with a fireplace match or butane grill lighter. As the newspaper and kindling begins to burn, add another handful of kindling to grow the fire with more intensity. The kindling will eventually ignite the wood logs and create a good burn.
- 4, Add a few more split firewood pieces once the kindling has been exhausted. At this point there should be a full fire burning in the chiminea.
- 5, Continue adding more pieces of firewood to keep the fire going inside the chiminea. If the fire loses intensity, add more kindling along with the firewood.



Open Fire

- 1, Confirm that the flue is open. The flue is the lever that opens and closes the damper, the channel in the chimney through which the smoke travels outside.
- 2, Make sure that there is a bed of ashes on the floor of the fireplace about 1 to 2 inches thick. If ashes are unavailable, use sand.
- 3, Take the largest log and place it at the back of the fireplace next to the bricks. This is called the back log.
- 4, Lay crumpled newspapers and either kindling or fire-starting material in front of the back log.
- 5, Place another log in front of the newspaper or kindling pile. This is called the fore log.
- 6, Place a small log diagonally across the back and fore logs. Light the newspaper and kindling pile.



Pit Fire

- 1, Collect some tinder, which is light, small and flammable. Make a "nest," or small pile, of the tinder in the centre of your Fire Pit, on top of the grate. This will allow the ash to fall through the grate and keep good airflow going through your fire. Keep some extra tinder available to add to the fire once it is lit.
- 2, Collect kindling, which is usually small sticks and twigs. These will burn longer than tinder, but will catch fire more easily than true fuel logs. Create a log cabin shape with the kindling around the nest of tinder. It should end up about 5 or 6 inches high.
- 3, Collect fuel logs. These should be about the thickness of your wrist, although they can be larger if they are very dry.
Do not add any fuel logs to your fire pit yet.
- 4, Light the tinder nest on fire with a lighter or a match. It may be easier to light a bundle of tinder and add it to the nest once it is lit. As the tinder nest burns, continue to add extra tinder until the kindling is definitely caught on fire. You can also add more kindling pieces to keep it going.
- 5, Add one or two small fuel logs across the top once your log cabin is burning well. You do not need to continue adding in a log cabin formation, but make sure you keep good air flow throughout your fire pit. As the fuel logs catch on fire, you can add more to create the fire size that you want.

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