

Proper Care for your Chimenea

Location:

- Position the Chimenea outdoors, clear of roofs and trees.
- If placing on a wood deck, set on bricks or flagstone.

Preparation:

- Before firing place 3 to 4 inches of lava rock or gravel inside the base of the Chimenea to raise fire off clay bottom.

Fuel:

- Use logs, wood scraps or branches.
- Use paper to start fire, NOT starter fluid.
- Do NOT use charcoal or artificial logs in Chimeneas. They burn too hot and may cause Chimenea to crack.

Building a Fire:

- Always warm up the Chimenea slowly – first build a small fire, allowing Chimenea to heat up for at least 20 minutes to avoid cracking.

Maintenance:

- NEVER use a Chimenea if it is wet.
- Chimeneas are NOT frost proof. If a Chimenea becomes wet and freezes, it may crack.
- Do not fire Chimeneas when the outside temperature is below 35 degrees.
- You may repair a crack in your Chimenea by applying a silicone sealant to both sides of the crack. Let stand 24 hours before using.
- After a rainfall a natural white alkaline may appear on the pot. To clean, gently scrub surface with vinegar and a nylon brush. Rinse after alkaline has dissolved.
- Cover Chimenea with a tarp when not using. This will prevent rainwater from collecting inside and the sun which might cause peeling of the surface (when clay).

WARNING:

- The entire vessel will radiate heat. **KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AT A DISTANCE TO AVOID BEING BURNED, DO NOT TOUCH CHIMENEA ONCE FIRED.**
- **NEVER** leave Chimenea unattended while in use.
- Completely **extinguish** fire before leaving unattended, especially on wood deck.