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Summer and Fall nights are perfect for a backyard fire pit.



There is something magical about a backyard fire pit.
Family and Friends gathered, cookout food, etc.

We think of fire pits in the Summer and Fall. But they are useful all year round. They provide an attractive focal point to your patio or back yard area. And they can be quite useful for outdoor gatherings: cookouts, entertaining, even mosquito repellent!

Fire Pit Tips and Tricks!

Before you add a fire pit, **check with your local authorities** for any rules or restrictions.

Use sand in the bottom to protect from extreme heat. Sand acts as an insulator, reducing the amount of heat to which the bottom of your fire pit is exposed.

Build your fire pit to **allow water run off or evaporation**. If you use a metal container, remember to account for rust and corrosion from water retention.

Use a grill grate to cook on. Consisting of either cast iron or steel, a grill grate will convert your fire pit into a fully functional grill.

Burn Sage bundles to deter mosquitoes. Sage plants emit a unique aroma when burned that most people love but mosquitoes hate.

When building, position your fire pit safely. Take into consideration distance from structures, normal wind directions in your area, and your property line and neighbors.

When using wood as fuel, kiln dried firewood is a great option. **Kiln dried firewood burns cleaner and longer** than other types of firewood because of its exceptionally low moisture content.

Light your fire pit from the bottom center. Place a match in the bottom center of the wood with a small amount of tinder and kindling.

Save the ashes. You can sprinkle ash on your driveway and sidewalk in Winter to **melt snow and ice**. You can sprinkling some leftover ash in your garden or flower bed as **fertilizer** and pest (snails, slugs) **repellent**.

Have a safety plan in place and ready. Just in case... the fire gets out of hand, embers blow out into the surrounding area, you have to leave before the fire goes out and the embers cool, etc.

Info sources: cuttingedgefirewood.com/news/7-awesome-fire-pit-tips-and-tricks/ and bobvila.com/articles/building-a-firepit/

Elvis Week - August 16, 2020



During the week of August 16, fans recognize the King of Rock and Roll throughout Elvis Week. Elvis Aaron Presley was born a twin on January 8, 1935. Presley became one of the biggest rock-n-roll stars during the mid-1950s. Eventually, he would become known as the King of Rock-n-roll for his iconic music and performances throughout his career. He is still considered one of the best performers in musical history today.

Use **#ElvisWeek** in social media.

Read More: nationaldaycalendar.com/elvis-week-week-of-august-16/

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