

HOW TO USE YOUR FIRE PIT

Sustainably sourced, local wood, charcoal and kindling, plus eco-friendly firelighters are available to buy from the Go-Down.

We ask specifically that you **do not collect** firewood or sticks from the woods or anywhere else. Woody debris is a vital aspect of our ecology and sustains a number of important species like rare saproxylic (deadwood) invertebrates and fungi. There are stacks of logs in the wood by the campsite that are left here specifically to attract them.

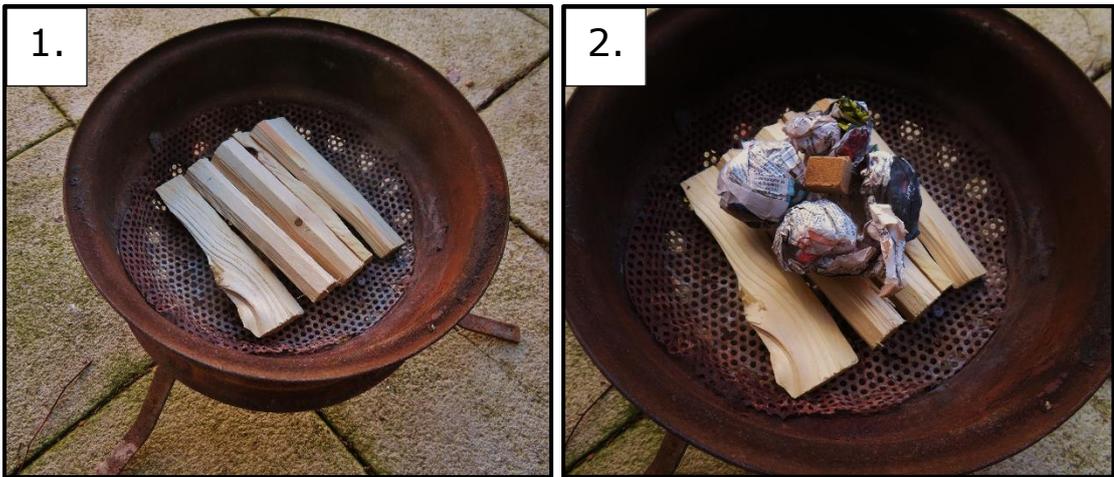
If you can light your fire Ray Mears-style without using firelighters that's best of all for the environment. Help yourself from the stack of newspaper available in the Go Down.

You will need:



Lighting the fire

1. When laying the fire, focus on creating a good heart. First add a layer of kindling in the base of the fire pit.
2. Second, scrunch up individual pages of newspaper into ten or so balls and pile them together in the pit. The newspaper balls capture oxygen and will help to get a blaze going. If you are using our eco-friendly firelighters you may not need newspaper. Just lay a firelighter on a base of kindling and proceed in the same way as with newspaper.



3. Now, light the firelighter and/or newspaper balls and add kindling.



4. The easiest way to add the kindling is in a pyramid or tipi shape over the top of the scrunched up newspaper or firelighter. Start with small bits of kindling and put larger pieces on top, with a few small, judiciously chosen logs on the outside.
5. Don't put too much wood on at this stage or you might smother the fire – you can add more as necessary once the kindling is well alight. Once your fire is blazing away you can be less picky about the logs that go in.



6. Once the large logs have started to smoulder and turned white, you can add the grill.



If you are using charcoal, simply place the bag in the fire pit and set it alight. Wait until the charcoal is smouldering then place the grill on top.

If you have any trouble lighting your fire pit or would like a lesson, Rachel or Ryan will be happy to help.