



## Instructions

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1. Choose a fairly calm evening to use your Hot-Pot. As with any campfire, wind will burn your fuel faster and blow flame in the direction of the unfortunate souls sitting on the “wrong” side of the fire! It doesn't have to be perfectly still, but for best results, use your Hot-Pot when there is less than a 5-10 mph breeze. We do not recommend use of the Hot-Pot when the winds exceed 10 mph.
2. Never use your Hot-Pot indoors. Place your Hot-Pot outdoors on a level, non-flammable surface. Concrete, gravel, sand and bare dirt are examples of suitable surfaces. Do NOT use your Hot-Pot on a wooden deck, lawn, or any other surface that may burn or be affected by hot temperatures. The bottom gets quite hot while it's in use and we accidentally burned a hole through our redwood deck with one of the early prototypes! If you really want to use your Hot-Pot on your lawn, we suggest that you purchase a steel or wrought-iron plant stand that will hold your Hot-Pot at least 6 inches above the grass.
3. Pour wood pellets into the Hot-Pot to a level just below the air holes. Do not “heap” the pellets in the middle, just make a level fill. Typically, this is about 10 lbs. of pellets.
4. Squirt charcoal starter fluid over the top of the pellets. You don't need to soak the pellets, but your Hot-Pot will work best if you completely wet the top surface, especially around the perimeter.
5. Light the fire using a fireplace match or a butane barbecue grill lighter. It's best to light it in several places, in order to get the entire surface burning as quickly as possible. Be sure to keep your hands away from the wood pellets and starter fluid while lighting.
6. Place the breeze-guard ring on the pot and prepare to enjoy about 2 hours of nearly smokeless, spark free campfire!
7. Occasionally, a strong gust of wind might blow the flame out before the pellets are gone, producing a thick column of smoke. If this should happen, simply re-light the Hot-Pot using a fireplace match or lighter and the flames will resume.

8. If for some reason you need to quickly extinguish your Hot-Pot fire, simply pour water slowly over the pellets and the fire will go out. Usually a pint of water is enough to put the fire completely out. The outer pot will contain any water that drips through the bed of pellets so that there will be no mess in the morning. Empty the wet unburned pellets as soon as they cool off, as they are corrosive and may damage the bottom of your Hot-Pot if left for an extended period of time.
9. After the flame goes out, use the outer handles to give the Hot-Pot a little shake to clear the ashes and allow the glowing coals to burn out. The pellets will continue to produce heat for several hours. This is an excellent time to roast marshmallows without having to worry about catching them on fire.
10. When your fun is over, make sure your Hot-Pot is protected from being accidentally knocked over by wind, pets or other campers. The pellets will continue to burn for most of the night.
11. In the morning, there should be no pellets left in the bottom of the Hot-Pot. Sometimes, on a very calm night, there may still be a bed of pellets that have been covered by ash and are still burning. Simply shake the Hot-Pot to uncover the coals and the remaining pellets will burn out in a very short time.
12. The small amount of ash created will be collected in the bottom of the outer pot. After your Hot-Pot and the leftover ashes have cooled, you can simply lift out the inner pot and dump the ashes into the trash. Notice that one side of the outer pot has no air holes in it. This is to provide an easy way to dump ashes without filling your shoe.
13. We've been asked if it will burn pine cones, sawdust, twigs, bark or whatever. Frankly, we don't know. We designed it to burn wood pellets. If you decide to experiment, please do so safely and at your own risk. Let us know what you learn. We'll pass it along to the rest of the community.

**Most importantly, HAVE FUN! Life is too short to be spent indoors.  
Get outside before they make it illegal!**