



# Outdoor Fireplace Safety

Outdoor fireplaces such as fire pits, elevated fire pits, and chimineas have increased in popularity throughout the years. Always be aware of risks and El Paso County fire regulations. With any use of outdoor fireplaces, there is a risk of potential fire. Please see “News” tab on our website for latest burn laws for Tri-Lakes area. Commercial grade fire pits and chimineas are allowed as long as no burn ban is in effect. For Burn/cooking fire permits, please call during business hours Monday thru Friday 8am-4:30pm



## Fire Safety Precautions

- Make a fire safety plan- water or fire extinguisher nearby
- Do not use near flammable material-keep 15 feet away from combustibles, i.e. trees and do not put fire pit on a wooden deck.
- Use mesh, heavy duty, screen-screen prevents embers from igniting nearby materials.
- 2 feet above ground for fire pits/sand in the bottom/use screen.
- Never leave fire unattended.
- Do not use indoors-i.e. tents or garages. Outdoor fireplaces need proper ventilation.
- Place on noncombustible materials-fire pits should not be placed on decks, chimineas placed on decks does not pose the same risk.
- Do not use in wind.
- Does not use gasoline or kerosene to start fire-i.e. gas could cause fast build up of flames.
- Stay 3 feet away from fire. Big flames=increase in sparks=increase risks of fire becoming out of control.
- Keep kids and pets away from fireplace.
- Properly dispose of ashes-douse with water and let cool for 48 hours.