



Choose a Fire Pit

Hi I'm Melissa from NorthlineExpress and I believe that every outdoor living space should have a fire feature. Outdoor fire pits can be used as a social gathering spot for guests at a party or a place to simply relax and unwind after a long day at work. There is also no easier way to add dimension and visually improve your patio, deck, or back yard!

Fire pits can be suitable for bonfires, barbecues, or heating. They are available in portable, stationary, or built in options and make use of different fuel sources. With so many different variables, I can completely understand why choosing the right fire pit can be confusing. But really choosing an outdoor fire pit is not as intense as it seems. Fire pits have many options but in general all can be considered a mobile or outdoor fireplace that really doesn't require any installation!

Visualize the Fire Pit



It's simple if you start by visualizing how you want a fire to compliment your existing setting and ask yourself some simple questions like: Do I want the fire to be the centerpiece or more an accent piece? Or will I want a fire that produces real heat? You have to remember that just because there is a flame doesn't always mean that it can keep you warm.

Proportionate to the Space



When choosing your fire pits size remember safety comes first & size matters. It is recommended to keep at least a 10 foot radius around the pit from your home and any other structures in your yard. Don't forget to look up, make sure that you're checking for vertical clearances as well. It is best to maintain a 30' vertical clearance to best avoid accidents. Generally, fire pits range in size from 20"-45" in diameter. Small ones are usually 20"-25" while the largest pits are about 40"-45" in diameter depending on the fuel type.

Used for Heating Purposes



Figuring out whether you want a fire for warmth, mood lighting, or the perfect combination of both will help you choose a fuel for your fire. Traditionally, most fire pits are either **wood** burning or **gas** but those are not your only options. There are alternatives to wood and gas such as wood **pellet**, **bio-ethanol** or gel alcohol fuel fire pits. Each fuel has its advantages and it is important to determine which type you not only want but works best for your specific set up. If you're looking for a pretty flame that is easy to light and mess free than you should lean towards a gas or ethanol fire pit. However, if you are looking for more warmth from your fire pit wood-burning pits produce substantial heat while many gas or ethanol fire pits don't give off much heat.

Other Considerations



Wood fire pits however can take more to get going and produce smoke. With wood fires there is more work but there are also additional benefits like being able to cook on it and lower fuel costs. A good option if you prefer wood fires but dislike the smoke could be a pellet fire pit, they burn very hot with minimal ash and nearly NO smoke.

One thing that you can always be sure of when it comes to an outdoor fire is that they make wonderful additions to any outdoor home setting. Don't hesitate any longer! Go decorate your outdoor landscape - with a relaxing fire pit no matter which kind you choose! NorthlineExpress has a great selection of fire pits to suite any style .Remember If you need help finding the fire pit that's right for you can always give us a call at 866-667-8454 were happy to help you out!