

WARNING

Curing your Chimenea hardens the clay and accustoms it to the heat ensuring that it is much less likely to crack when being exposed to high temperatures.

Follow the below steps prior to any use.

CURING YOUR CLAY CHIMENEA

Step 1 - Place your Chimenea in a safe place

Make sure you find a flat, fire-resistant space for your Chimenea away from anything overhanging.

Step 2 - Add sand

Add sand, to the bottom of your Chimenea. The sand should come $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up from the bottom to the mouth (front opening). The sand ensures the bottom of your Chimenea is not in direct contact with the fire making it far less likely to crack.

Step 3 - Start a small fire

Using just a few scrunched-up balls of newspaper, carefully light your fire using long matches or a long-nosed lighter. Let this fire go out and for everything to cool down.

Step 4 - Start a second larger small fire

Repeat step 3 with newspaper and one or two small pieces of kindling. Again, let this fire go out and your Chimenea to cool.

Step 5 - Start a third small fire larger than the last

Repeat step 4 this time adding 3 or 4 small pieces of kindling to your fire. Do not continue to feed it, but leave it to extinguish naturally and for everything to cool again.

Step 6 - Light a larger fire

Light a fire and add your first wood log to the fire. Don't be tempted to produce a towering inferno with this fire. Add one log at a time and build it slowly. Although this fire should be a typical size for your Chimenea, it's best to keep the duration relatively short- less than an hour. This way your Chimenea won't get really hot.

And now your clay Chimenea is cured!

The next time you use your Chimenea, the clay should be a lot more resilient to cracking.



WARNING: Observe these instructions to avoid personal injury and damage to property. NEVER leave a burning fire unattended. HOT burn risk.

Please carefully read and follow these instructions to assemble your unit.

Please retain these instructions for future use

Images are only an indication of the general appearance and design. Specific aspects may change from time to time.

Clay Chimeneas and fire bowls are hand made and hand-painted, so shapes, sizes and colours will vary.

USER INSTRUCTIONS OUTDOORS

Please read the following instructions and recommendations. Exercise CAUTION at all times for the safe enjoyment of a Chimenea or fire bowl. Please keep these instructions in a safe place so you can read them again from time to time.

- ALWAYS FOLLOW THE USER INSTRUCTIONS Failure to do so may result in personal injury or fires spreading to property. Please remember you are dealing with a real fire.
- PLACE your Chimenea or fire bowl on a FLAT surface; you should NOT place it on a sloping surface where it might tip over.
- This should be a NON-FLAMMABLE surface such as stone, gravel or bricks. Do not place on grass which may turn brown. Do not place on wood which may turn brown or catch fire. DO NOT PLACE on decking which may turn brown or catch fire.
- DO NOT place your Chimenea or fire bowl near bushes or plants or under trees; the heat will damage the leaves and is a fire risk.
- DO NOT place your Chimenea or fire bowl under an awning; it will burn or melt.
- DO NOT place your Chimenea or fire bowl near garden furniture, especially made of fabric or woven plastic, which may melt or catch fire. We recommend at least one meter minimum distance.
- DO NOT make a real fire inside a conservatory, summer house or garden shed. Chimeneas or fire bowls burning wood, coal or charcoal can only be used outside, because fumes and gases from the fire are poisonous and dangerous to health. Carbon monoxide gas has no colour nor odor and is deadly.
- DO NOT touch the Chimenea or fire bowl when burning, the surface is hot and you will burn your fingers. We recommend that gloves are used at all times.
- DO NOT allow pets near the fire.
- DO NOT allow children especially small children to play or run around the fire.
- DO NOT over fuel the Chimenea or fire bowl. If flames are coming out of the top of the Chimenea, then the fire is too large!
- DO NOT PANIC if fuel falls out of the Chimenea or fire bowl or for any reason flames spread out from the fire, simply extinguish spreading flames with earth, sand or water. DO NOT throw water on a real fire other than in an extreme emergency.
- DO NOT use petrol, paraffin or fire lighters to start the fire (or as a fuel).The best method is balled newspaper and dry kindling. The best fuel is wood or charcoal.
- NEVER LEAVE A BURNING CHIMENEA OR FIRE BOWL UNATTENDED. Failure to do so may result in the fire spreading out of control and damage or destruction of property. Please ensure the fire is completely out before leaving the Chimenea or fire bowl unattended.
- DO NOT attempt to move any real Chimenea fire while the fire is burning.
- We advise against using a real Chimenea fire when it is windy. Strong wind may tip over a Chimenea which is a fire risk. Wind may disperse burning material, which is a fire risk, particularly if the surroundings are very dry.
- PLEASE be a good neighbour and be reasonable in the use of your Chimenea fire, keep smoke and noise to a minimum.



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CLAY CHIMENEA

- This is a handmade clay product. Use your clay Chimenea for warmth. It is beautiful to look at as a garden decoration.
- Clay Chimeneas, the clay is heated by the fire and gentle warmth will radiate out. It is not necessary to make a large fire, one or two logs is sufficient.
- Clay Chimeneas or fire bowls are fragile, so care needs to be taken to avoid damage. **Clay Chimeneas or fire bowls may CRACK, CHIP OR BREAK if dropped or knocked over or due to thermal shock or if left outside in the frost.**
- To avoid dropping or knocking the Chimenea or fire bowl over, handle the Chimenea or fire bowl with care at all times. Do not 'let go' of the Chimenea or fire bowl, particularly on hard floors, but gently lower it so there is as little impact as possible. Dropping a clay Chimenea or fire bowl, even from 5cm high may break, crack or chip it. If transporting it in the car, make sure it is not allowed to move around, and we recommend the addition of blankets or bubble-wrap. High winds may tip the Chimenea or fire bowl over, so be mindful of where it is situated and how to avoid this. Similarly, do not bang into the Chimenea or fire bowl with hard or heavy objects.

Do not throw fuel into a clay Chimenea or fire bowl. The impact may crack the clay or tip the Chimenea or fire bowl over which is dangerous. Do not drag or move a Chimenea or fire bowl on its stand: it may fall off and break. To move a Chimenea or fire bowl, lift it off the stand, re-position the stand, and lift the Chimenea or fire bowl back on.

- THERMAL SHOCK is a technical terms used to describe clay cracking due to the heat of the fire. The main principle to avoid thermal shock is no large temperature variations in a short period of time, and not too large a fire. Here is some advice to help prevent it:
 - Before lighting, put 50 mm (2 inches) of sand/gravel in the bottom to protect the base from direct heat. Failure to do this may crack your clay Chimenea or fire bowl.
 - Start the fire with balled newspaper or dry kindling. NEVER use petrol or spirit based lighting fuels. They may crack your Chimenea or fire bowl.
 - Do two or three small fires at first. This 'cures' the clay, making it harder and more resistant to thermal shock. The more your Chimenea or fire bowl is fired, the harder the clay becomes.
 - It is essential to allow the clay Chimenea or fire bowl to warm up slowly by keeping the fire small for the first 20 minutes (even after initial curing). Add more firewood but do not build a large roaring fire which may crack the Chimenea or fire bowl and is dangerous.
 - Never feed fuel through the funnel of the Chimenea.
 - Do not over-fuel the Chimenea or fire bowl. You are over-fueling the Chimenea if flames come out of the top of the funnel. If flames are showing out of the funnel, do not add more fuel until the flames disappeared and no longer visible outside of the Chimenea or fire bowl. You may space the logs in the belly to reduce the flames.
 - Be mindful of the outside temperature. The colder the air temperature, the more likely the occurrence of thermal shock, because temperature difference is a factor in thermal shock.
 - ALWAYS REMOVE the lid off the funnel when firing the Chimenea. Failure to do so will increase the temperature inside the Chimenea and may cause the Chimenea to crack.
 - Never extinguish the fire with water, this may crack the Chimenea or fire bowl.
 - The tell-tale signs of thermal shock are cracks appearing on the Chimenea or fire bowl.
 - Thermal shock may make a 'pinging' sound, and vertical or horizontal cracks will appear. Large cracks may render the Chimenea or fire bowl unsafe and we recommend that Chimeneas or fire bowls with large structural cracks not be used for fires.
 - Thermal shock is not dependent on the age of the Chimenea or fire bowl or the number of times it has been used and may occur on the first firing.



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CLAY CHIMENEA *cont...*

- FROST DAMAGE including chipping or cracking may occur when clay Chimeneas or fire bowls are left out-side in the winter without protection or a cover. Clay is a porous material and absorbs water. If the Chimenea or fire bowl is water sodden and the temperature drops to below zero degrees Celsius, the water inside the clay will freeze and expand and crack the clay. This is a natural phenomenon which cannot be prevented. Here is some advice to help prevent frost damage:
 - Keep the Chimenea fire bowl dry.
 - Bring it inside, out of the frost, for the winter.
 - Cover the Chimenea or fire bowl with the included Chimenea Cover if you cannot bring it inside. Make sure the Chimenea or fire bowl is dry before covering it up, otherwise you will be enclosing the moisture. Clay Chimeneas do not like to be left in a damp environment for too long. It weakens their structure. If your Chimenea or fire bowl has been allowed to become sodden with rainwater for a while, or has been kept unprotected in a cold and wet environment, wait for it to dry before using.
- You may use dry wood logs or charcoal fuel. Wet logs will create a lot of smoke, use seasoned or kiln dried wood to minimise smoke.
- Protect hands with FIRE GLOVES when adding fuel. The more fuel is added, the more intense the heat, the larger the flames. Do not over-fuel the fire.

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CLAY CHIMENEA

- With use the paint finish on your Chimenea or fire bowl will change and discolour, and there will be blackening around the rim. The bigger the fires, the faster the paint finish will change.
- The stand is made of steel and will rust. To reduce the likelihood of rusting bring the Chimenea or fire bowl and stand inside and protect with the included cover. Ideally, bring inside for the winter.
- Rust runs may mark flooring, slabs, and patios, so if you are worried about marking, protect your flooring.
- A discoloured Chimenea or fire bowl on a rusty stand is still fit for purpose and can continue to be used.
- Cracks in the clay may appear. If a large structural crack appears, stop using the Chimenea or fire bowl and dispose of it or use it for decorative purposes. All clay Chimeneas crack eventually.