

FIREPITS 101

Thinking about buying a fire pit? First of all, you should really buy one of our fire pits - we aren't bias at all are we?

Here are the three main things we think you should consider:

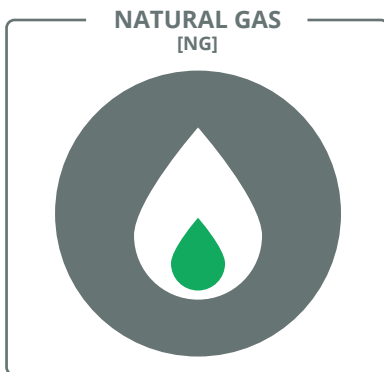
- 1 You have to get a fire pit that looks right in your space. Design matters.
- 2 It has to be safe and approved for use in Canada and the USA. All of our inserts are CSA and/or UL approved.
- 3 It has to do what it is intended to do; warm you up from head to toe. Our fire pits are designed to give your whole body that warm all over feeling.

FUEL TYPES

One key decision when purchasing a fire pit is what type of fuel to burn?

Generally, there are 4 choices of fuel; wood, natural gas (NG), propane (LP), and ethanol liquids (E-NRG). We don't make wood burning fire pits for a number of reasons, but primarily because they are banned in most cities due to pollution and risk of fire.

We offer 3 choices of fuel; **NATURAL GAS, PROPANE** and **ETHANOL LIQUIDS**. Here is our handy list of pros and cons for each fuel option:



NATURAL GAS
[NG]

PROS

Least expensive to use per hour (long-term savings)

Provides a nice cozy flame and lots of heat

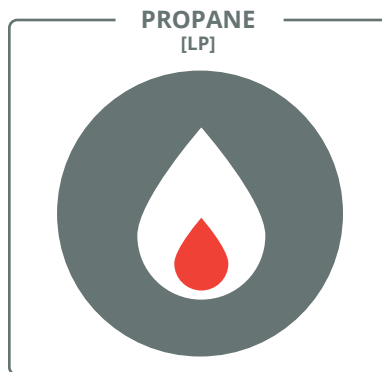
Should never run out

Safe (all of our fuel choices are safe or we wouldn't use them)

CONS

May not be available in your area

Often the most expensive fuel option short-term, as gas line installation by a qualified gas fitter is required



PROPANE
[LP]

PROS

Available in most places (same fuel as propane tanks used on BBQ's) 20lb tanks are the norm

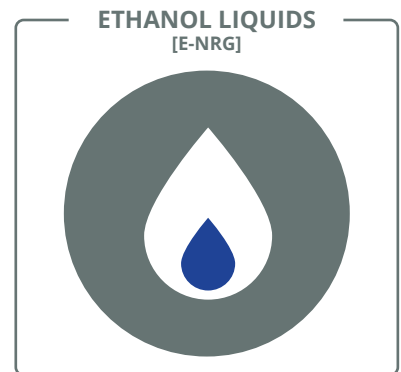
Is the most economical to install a line, just need a flexible hose to hook up a propane tank

You don't need a gas fitter you can hook it up yourself, like a BBQ

CONS

More expensive to use per hour

Exposed gas hose



ETHANOL LIQUIDS
[E-NRG]

PROS

No need for plumbing; it is a liquid you pour into a reservoir

Burns so clean it can be used indoors without venting, yes without venting!

Completely mobile, can move to your next home with you

CONS

Most expensive type of burner to purchase

Most expensive to use per hour doesn't burn as hot as natural or propane gas units

BURNER TOPPINGS

Finally, what kind of burner topping would you like? We offer fire-safe lava rocks, fire glass, and stones. We always recommend a fire safe product because regular rocks and glass can crack, pop and explode when used in direct contact with a flame. So don't go adding your kid's rock collection to your fire pit!

Not to fear, your wood-burning camp fire ring made of rocks is safe - the rocks are not directly in the flame!

LAVA ROCK



PROS

Economical

Looks natural

Can be covered by fire safe glass or stones

CONS

Lava rocks need protection from the rain as wet rocks may explode when heated

FIRE GLASS



PROS

Lots of colours

Various shapes and sizes

Modern looking and can blend with other mediums

CONS

Most expensive option

STONES



PROS

Looks natural

Easily blend with other topping.

CONS

May not be the look you desire

Surprisingly expensive as they are made specifically for fire pits

IGNITION

Another choice to make is whether your natural gas or propane fire pit will be match lit, or electronic igniting. Would you like to 'flick a switch' and have your fire pit turn off and on? Then electronic ignition is for you! If you don't mind handling a bbq lighter then match lit is another option for you.

No choice needed with an Ecosmart (ethanol) burner; they are all match lit and extremely easy to use.

MATCH LIT



PROS

- Most economical
- Easy to use, just need a BBQ type lighter
- Reliable; minimal moving parts

CONS

- Have to be near fire to light (just like a BBQ)
- May not be able to use a match lit in a commercial setting

ELECTRONIC



PROS

- Just flick a switch or remote control
- Can be used in a commercial setting
- Don't have to look for bbq lighter

CONS

- Expensive vs. match lit
- Need to have electricity brought to the fire pit
- May see the electric ignition box in the burner.