

USER INSTRUCTIONS

OUTDOORS ONLY Please read the following instructions and recommendations and use **CAUTION** at all times for the safe enjoyment of your real patio fire. 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 accidents or fires spreading to property. Please remember, you are dealing with a real fire.

PLACE your real patio fire on a **FLAT** surface; you should **NOT** place it on a sloping surface where the fire 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.

Protect wooden decking with a Gardeco **FLOOR PROTECTOR** or use bricks or concrete slabs.

DO NOT place your real patio fire near bushes or plants or under trees; the heat will damage the leaves and is a fire risk.

DO NOT place your real patio fire under an awning; it will burn or melt.

DO NOT place your real patio fire near garden furniture, especially made of fabric or woven plastic, which may melt or catch fire. We recommend at least one metre minimum distance.

DO NOT make a real fire inside a conservatory or summer house or shed; real fires are designed to be outside, and fumes emanating from the fire made with wood, coal or charcoal are toxic and dangerous to health. Carbon monoxide gas has no colour nor odour and is deadly.

DO NOT touch the real patio fire when burning; the surface is hot and you will burn your fingers; protect your hands with a Gardeco **FIRE GLOVE**. We recommend that gloves are used at all times.

DO NOT allow children, especially small children, near the fire. Do not allow pets near the fire.

DO NOT allow children to play or run around the fire. Prevent small children coming close **DO NOT** over fuel the fire. 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 for any reason flames spread out from the fire, simply extinguish spreading flames with earth or sand or water or use a **FIRE BLANKET** immediately.

DO NOT throw water on a real fire other than in an extreme emergency.

DO NOT use petrol, paraffin or similar substances as fire lighters or as a fuel. The best method is balled newspaper and kindling. The best fuel is wood or charcoal.

REMOVE the charcoal grill when not burning charcoal.

NEVER LEAVE A BURNING REAL PATIO FIRE 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 real patio fire unattended.

DO NOT attempt to move a real patio fire while the fire is burning.

We advise against using a real patio fire when it is windy or in the case of drought. Strong wind may tip the fire over which is a fire risk. Wind may also disperse burning material, which is a fire risk, particularly if the environment is dry as in the case of a drought.

Please be a good neighbour and be reasonable in the use of your patio fire, keep smoke and noise to a minimum.

Use your chimenea or real patio fire for warmth and cooking, Chimeneas are beautiful to look at and can be used as garden decorations.

You may use dry wood logs, charcoal, coal or briquettes for fuel. Chimeneas and other patio fires can be used to burn garden refuse such as leaves or branches. DO NOT throw fuel into a chimenea. Wet logs will create a lot of smoke.

Gardeco sell a range of woods and fuels suitable for use in chimeneas and fire pits, responsibly sourced from managed forests. When cooking use suitable fuels such as wood or charcoal. Some man-made fuels are not suitable for cooking. Read instructions carefully.

To start a fire use domestic fire lighters or balled newspaper and kindling.

The best and most natural way to start the fire is Gardeco Ocote fire lighters. Ocote is a high resin content pinewood from Central America, one or two sticks are enough to light a fire.

For a fire without firelighters or kindling, use the smokeless Gardeco FIRELOG, a wax impregnated sawdust briquette, wrapped in paper. Just light both ends of the paper and the log will burn for about 2½ hours. You cannot use Gardeco Fire Logs for cooking.

Protect hands with Gardeco 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.

Use a POKER to reposition logs inside the patio fire.

No one wants smoke to spoil their party, a Gardeco EXTENSION CHIMNEY raises smoke above the heads of standing people and increases the draw enabling the fire to burn more efficiently.

Safety is our main concern, so please be careful at all times

Cast iron chimeneas are very heavy. At least two people must carry one chimenea. Failure to do so may result in back injury or accidents. When moving the chimenea, make sure each person is holding it by the side handle and the top of the funnel- do not hold it in just one place.

Wood fuels burn by drawing air from above whilst charcoal and coal also need air from underneath. Some products are supplied with a charcoal grill and some have a BBQ grill.

If you are using wood alone, you do not need a charcoal grill. If you are not cooking on your chimenea, you may decide to remove the BBQ grill if there is one in your chimenea.

PLEASE REMOVE THE RAIN LID prior to starting the fire. Leaving the lid on the chimenea will prevent the smoke from pulling up the chimney and the smoke will come out of the mouth instead.

Please do not place the lid back on the chimenea once the fire is burning. This would increase the fire temperature and be a fire risk.

Burning your chimenea with the lid on invalidates the guarantee if there is one on your product.