Lighting the Spire

Step 1 - Fire starter and tinder

Place fire starter cubes and tinder in the center of a base of kindling and charcoal, forming a small pyramid structure. Small dry sticks less than the width of a pencil make excellent tinder. Leaves, paper and tree bark can also be used.

Step 2 - Kindling

Place larger kindling around the starter cube and tinder, forming an open pyramid structure to ensure it receives good air flow. Use the sides of the fire pit to help prop up longer pieces of kindling if needed.

Step 3 - Lighting the fire

Light the starter cube and tinder using matches or a butane fire lighter. Gently blow on the fire if needed until the kindling has ignited.

Step 4 - Firewood

Arrange larger pieces of kindling and firewood like a pyramid, using the sides of the firepit to ensure gaps for airflow. For best results, avoid using thick pieces of wood.

Tips

Use only dry, seasoned timber. Jarrah (djarraly) and Wandoo are common Eucalyptus hardwoods that produce minimal ash and smoke, making them ideal for outdoor garden fireplaces. Both are readily available in the south west of Western Australia.

Avoid large pieces of wood. Timber with a cross sectional area of less than 5cm x 5cm works best in the Spire, resulting in a clean burning fire that produces minimal smoke. The unique design generates a draught which draws the spoke up and away from the outdoor area making it suitable for small spaces. Large pieces of wood will lead to a smoky fire and should be split down into smaller pieces using an axe.





