

Lighting a wood-fired hot tub

Our tubs are luxuriously large and take time to warm up. It usually takes 3-6 hours to heat the water up to the correct temperature, which is around 38°C. The heating time will vary depending on the air temperature/starting water temperature. On subsequent days it will be much quicker to bring the temperature back up.

They need a bit of time and care before you're steaming under the stars, but here are a few tips to get your hot tub technique up to a simmer.

Step by step:

- Ensure you have plenty of wood to hand and don't run out mid warm-up. (Wood is supplied in sufficient quantities for the initial warm, and subsequent warms to top up to temperature).
- Make a small bed of 2/3 pieces of kindling, place a firelighter and small wood pieces over the top, in the centre of the burner, using a match to carefully light the firelighter.
- Add small pieces of wood at a controlled pace, leaving space that allows air to the fire's centre (it needs oxygen to keep burning). Let the heat build-up enough for larger logs.
- Now add slightly larger logs on the fire, making sure you close the burner door after placing the wood on the flames.
- Keep checking the fire every 5-10 minutes, adding logs to keep the fire blazing.
- During the heating process, occasionally take the top off the hot tub, using the handles with two hands, do not lift using the skirt, central insulating tabs or locking straps, then use the provided paddle to stir the water, as all hot water rises to the top.
- Once the water reaches 35°C - 37°C, it is ready to get in. Place a log on the fire so it heats up a little more while you enjoy the relaxing tub. You don't want the fire to die, but you also don't want the water to get too hot, so use your judgement to keep it warm.

Our top tips:

- Keep checking the fire. If you leave it and disappear for a few hours, the fire will die, and you'll be left staring at a large cold bucket of water!
- Keep the lid on the hot tub between stirring – this will speed up the warming of the water.
- Stir the water at regular intervals or you'll get a shock when you step down into the cold depths.
- **Please refer to our safety rules and guidelines before using the hot tub as there are rules that apply to keep you safe.**