

The BBQ Grill Outlet

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Fire Pit & Table Purchasing Guide

There's something about a flame that attracts the human imagination. Adding a fire pit or table will create a warm ambiance in your yard and increase its use. A fire pit or table will add hours of enjoyment to the evenings and to the seasons. Since the difference between a fire pit and fire table is the height, we'll refer to both as a fire pit for this guide.

Below are four considerations to take into account when designing or purchasing a fire pit:

- Shape & Size
- Height
- Counter Space vs. Burn Area
- Gas Type: Propane or Natural Gas

Let's take those four topics and explain them a little further.



Shape & Size

In addition to the fire pit itself, you'll want to take into account the size of the area. You'll need to make sure the area is large enough to house the fire pit, seating and room for your feet & knees. Many chairs are 3' deep. If you have seating on both sides and you want to have a 48" fire pit, you'll need a minimum space of 12' x 12' (3' for 2 chairs + 1' for knee room on 2 sides + 4' for the fire pit itself). This number will change based on the actual depth of the chairs you use and may be more if you want the chairs to sit further away as they do in the picture above.

The shape of the fire pit needs to fit the furniture you have or plan to purchase. If you prefer to use only chairs; a round, hex or square top will work nicely. If you include a sofa or love seat a rectangle may be a better shape.



Height

In determining the height of the fire pit, you'll also need to keep the furniture in mind. Here are some typical heights:

1. Fire Pit – 18” to 23” tall
2. Fire Table (Dining Chair) – 30” to 32” tall
3. Fire Table (Counterstool) – 36” to 38” tall
4. Fire Table (Barstool) – 42” to 44” tall

The most important consideration in determining the table height is the height of the arms for the chair or stool. If you are planning to push a chair under the table, the arms need to slide under the table easily, 1” clearance or more is preferred. As you can see in the picture above, the chair arms are well below the underside of the table.



Counter Space vs. Burn Area



The two pictures above provide a nice contrast. On the left the customer preferred more counter space to burn area. They wanted a table that would afford ample space for plates, glasses and silverware. In contrast the fire pit on the right the customer wanted the exact opposite; more flame and a much smaller counter top. The fire pit on the right leaves enough counter space for a drink, appetizer or dessert, but is not deep enough for a full place setting.

Gas Type

The obvious choice is natural gas, but it's not always practical or affordable. Propane always works and works well, but there are some limitations. The height of the fire pit needs to be tall enough to house the propane tank. Sometimes it makes the fire pit taller than you might

want. It also requires a door to access the tank to refill it. The shape of the base is almost always a square or a rectangle to leave enough room for the access door. And the tank(s) has to be filled and refilled.

As for natural gas; the fire pit can be any height, the base can be any shape, no access door is required and you don't have to fill the tanks.

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