

The 9 Best Smokeless Fire Pits for Every Outdoor Gathering

Creating a cozy and inviting outdoor space is easier than you think.

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Most likely, you want [a fire pit](#) that [adds ambiance](#) to your outdoor space, provides warmth on chilly evenings, and maybe even grills up some tasty meals. What you don't want is a ton of smoke that leaves your eyes watering and your clothes smelling like a weekend camping trip. What you're looking for is a smokeless fire pit.

These modern appliances safely contain fire, foster complete combustion of your fuel with minimal smoke, and come in a variety of sizes and styles to suit your outdoor décor. While smokeless fire pits for your backyard are a relatively recent development, smokeless fires have been burning for years.

Native Americans employed the Dakota Fire Hole to create hot fires that would burn in windy conditions and not spread. It consisted of two holes in the ground

connected by a tunnel: building a fire in one hole causes the rising heat to draw cool air through the tunnel from the other hole. This constant flow of air fueling the fire creates a hot fire that burns close to 100 percent of the wood—similar to the modern smokeless fire pits that pull air from the bottom or side to fuel your fire and leave a minimum mess.

The Best Smokeless Fire Pits

BEST OVERALL

1



Breeo X Series 24 Smokeless Fire Pit

\$599 AT HOME DEPOT

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BEST BUDGET

2



Inno Stage Smokeless Fire Pit

\$84 AT AMAZON

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EASIEST TO CLEAN

3



Tiki Patio Fire Pit

\$395 AT AMAZON

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BEST MID-SIZE

4



Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0 Smokeless Fire Pit

\$345 AT AMAZON

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BEST RUSTIC STYLE

5



Titan Great Outdoors Steel Near-Smokeless Fire Pit

\$270 AT AMAZON

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What to Consider

First, manage your expectations regarding smokeless fire pits. While good ones are nearly completely smokeless visually, they still produce exhaust gasses so expect some of that campfire smell, especially if it's breezy. For the same reason, you might occasionally get a face full of invisible smoke if you're in the wind.

Keep in mind, not all smokeless fire pits are safe to use on decks or other combustible surfaces, so consider buying a heat shield or [fire pit mat](#).

Most smokeless fire pits burn wood. You'll want to use seasoned wood—that means it has had time to dry out over six or more months. Wood that's still green or wet will burn more slowly and may produce smoke even if you use it in a smokeless fire pit.

Some models, like the [Tiki](#) we tested, are also designed to burn wood pellets.

Whatever fuel you use, you'll burn through it more quickly in a smokeless fire pit due to the constant stream of air feeding the fire. The upside of this is that, when the wood burns this hot and completely, you have less ash to clean up.

How We Selected

We first examined a range of smokeless fire pits we wanted to test in person and those we wanted to further research based on other expert reviews. We loaded them with seasoned oak firewood and started fires in each of our test units, gauging how easy they were to load and feed to maintain a continuous burn.

Once they were burning, we walked toward each pit until we could feel noticeable heat, then circled them to see how even the distribution was and how much it was affected by wind. We also looked at them through a Flir infrared camera to see if there were any concerning hot spots on the fire pits' bodies.

Lastly, we let the fires burn down to ash so we could determine how easy clean-up was after the blaze. We also noted things like whether or not the pits were easy to carry or move around, as well as their weight and dimensions.

Some of these fire pits—the Titan and Blue Sky models—we haven't had the chance to test yet. We evaluated them based on their features, reviews that customers have left on retailer sites, and the experience and insights we've gleaned from using similar pits. They're promising enough to warrant inclusion here and give you more options for fitting the fire pit in with your home. Read on for our reviews and right now, there's a [flash sale on Solo Stove smokeless fire pits](#) just in time for [Father's Day](#).

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