

# Whalen FirePot™

## Use, Care and Storage Instructions

Your **Whalen FirePot-** is a Southwestern style outdoor fireplace. Known as a chiminea to the artisans who craft each one by hand, no two are exactly the same. To get the most enjoyment and longest life from your **FirePot-**, please follow these simple guidelines.

### INITIAL SET-UP & FIRE BUILDING

- Place the metal stand wherever you decide the **FirePot-** should be. Do not place the **FirePot-** within four (4) feet of any combustible surface or material. Do not use on a wooden deck without a UL approved "stove mat" or "hearth board" underneath the **FirePot-** to catch sparks or errant coals.
- Set your **FirePot-** on the stand. Cover the bottom to within two (2) inches of the opening with any type of clean sand. This is essential to the long life of your **FirePot-**.
- Crumple a sheet of newspaper into loose ball and set in the center. Place small, dry twigs around paper in a pyramid shape. Stack around this with slightly larger wood. Allow space for sufficient air-flow. Light the paper and kindling should catch, igniting larger branches. Alternately an electric charcoal starter or "starter logs" can be used. **DO NOT USE ANY TYPE OF ACCELERANT SUCH AS LIGHTER FLUID, GASOLINE, KEROSENE OR OTHER FLAMMABLES!** Not only is such material very dangerous but the fast rise in temperature could damage your **FirePot-**.
- Allow fires to die out naturally or spread out and use sand to smother fires. Do NOT use water to extinguish a fire. Damage to your **FirePot-** could result from the use of water.

### CARE OF YOUR **FirePot™**

- Your first ten (10) fires should be kept to a small size. These first few fires begin a sealing process on the inside surface of your **FirePot-**. The outside surfaces have been sealed. Every two (2) years you should reseal the outside using a clear acrylic floor finish such as Future brand from SE Johnson Wax.
- Keep all fires in a small to medium sized range. **FirePot-** is not designed to handle large fires and should not be used as a primary heat source.
- If your **FirePot-** is kept in an open area, it is suggested you cover the top opening to prevent pooling of water in the bowl.
- Do not leave outdoors in extreme cold weather.
- Sand will need to be changed periodically as it becomes mixed with ash.
- Empty sand out before attempting to move **FirePot-**.
- Do not use charcoal or wood pellets. These can burn hotter than wood and may damage your **FirePot-**.
- *Due to the nature of manufacture, Whalen Mfg. cannot express or imply any warranty on the **FirePot-**.*

### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICES

- The **Whalen FirePot-** is for outdoor use only. Do not use indoors or as a primary heat source.
- Do not allow children to use or play near your **FirePot-** unsupervised.
- Use gloves or fire mitts when tending fires. Use of a Whalen FirePit Poker is recommended.
- Do not use on a wooden deck without a UL approved floor protector.
- Do not use within four (4) ft of any combustible material. Do not use near automobiles.
- When moving **FirePot™**, lift by the top lip of the opening and the neck of the unit. Use both hands!

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THIS QUALITY WHALEN OUTDOOR PRODUCT!

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