

How to operate the Leisure Craft Hot Tub

Operating a wood fired hot tub is simple, but it takes practice to get the temperature exactly where you like it. Similar to lighting a fire, you'll need matches, kindling, paper, some bigger pieces of wood, and of course, a source of water and a hose to fill it with.

DO NOT OPERATE WOOD HEATER WITHOUT WATER IN THE TUB!

Using a hose, fill your wood burning hot tub with water

Water isn't always abundant at off-grid properties and we don't want to see it go to waste, so we recommend filling your tub from a natural water source if you have access to a lake, ocean or stream.

You can pump it from the lake or ocean, fill it with a garden hose, and re-use the water for the garden when you're done with it or drain it back into the ocean or lake (so long as you aren't using chemical water treatments).

Always fill the hot tub with water before lighting the fire, or you risk the firebox combusting, which can cause property damage, bodily injury, and a broken hot tub.

Once the tub is full of water, build a fire in the firebox by placing crumpled paper in the bottom of the stove, placing kindling on top, then adding small, dry logs. Note that the wood should be very dry!

Light the paper and leave the stove lid open to allow airflow. A draft will help establish the fire. Once the fire is established, add larger pieces of firewood, controlling the fire with the lid which acts as a damper controlling the air intake. Check the temperature of the water and once it reaches 10 degrees within your desired hot tubbing temperature (usually 101-104), stop adding wood, put the firebox lid on, and allow the temperature to rise on its own.

Some wood fired hot tubs stoves are more efficient than others, requiring more or less wood to establish and maintain the fire. Leisurecraft Wood burning Hot Tubs don't face a challenge of getting hot, but rather, of becoming too hot, so stop adding wood before it reaches your desired hot tubbing temperature to avoid overheating the tub.

If it does overheat, add cold water with a hose and stir the water with a paddle to evenly distribute.

Because the stove is submerged in the water, this "snorkel" style stove heats very effectively and is more energy efficient to their external stove counterparts.

Maintain the fire to keep the water at your desired temperature. Wood fired hot tubs are all designed differently, with some offering more heat efficiency than others. Leisurecraft Wood burning Hot Tubs are designed to offer superior heat retention and will maintain their temperature throughout the day with just an armful of wood, and will drop just 2-3 degrees overnight.

Leisurecraft Wood burning Hot Tubs are intentionally designed with an internal wood stove for optimal heat properties and safety.

Put the cover on overnight when you go to bed and it will stay within 2-3 degrees.

Put a log on in the morning while you drink your coffee, and by the time you're finished eating your toast, it'll be back up to hot tubbing temperature and ready to enjoy for the day.