



Mound Fire

With a mound fire, you create an insulating layer of material between the fire and the soil. This is important for safety and for Leave No Trace.

1. Gather mineral soil from underneath a fallen tree, or collect sand from along a stream course.
2. Clear a small area for the fire and cover it with a base. This can be a small piece of groundsheet or nylon (about a metre square), or a fire blanket, or in an emergency you can use a large flat rock (once it isn't shale).
3. Build up the mound of soil/sand on top of this base. The mound should be 4-6 inches/10-15cm thick and about 24 inches/60cm in diameter.
4. Make your fire in the centre of the mound.
5. Afterwards, return the mineral soil/sand to where it came from. The base allows you to remove an trace of the fire.

