

Episode 56JX October 16, 2023. A popular Home Improvement Specialist's website votes thumbs down on fire pits.

[5 Reasons Why Backyard Fire Pits Are Overrated, According to a Home and Garden Editor](#) Bob Vila Some fire pit proponents even claim that the smoke deters mosquitoes. That's all I needed to hear before purchasing a portable, wood-burning fire pit. <https://www.bobvila.com/articles/backyard-fire-pits-are-overrated/m> 5 Reasons Why Backyard Fire Pits Are Overrated, According to a Home and Garden Editor What's not to love about the ever-popular outdoor living centerpiece? Oh, let me tell you. October 16, 2023. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a non-profit organization. there are several cons I wish I'd considered. 1) Fire pits are not healthy. Fresh air is a necessity for my physical and mental well-being, and I assumed I'd get more of it if I had a relaxing fire feature to draw me outdoors. But the first time I used it, that fantasy went up in smoke—literally. Noxious fumes instantly hit me in the face. Sure, I was able to move my chair to get out of the direct path of the smoke...until the wind shifted and I had to move again. Talk about a buzzkill. Even when burning properly seasoned wood, fire pits can produce unhealthy amounts of air pollution. According to the [EPA](#), particulate matter in wood smoke can cause adverse effects on human cardiovascular and respiratory systems, especially for people with existing heart or lung disease. A recent survey conducted by the [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#) revealed that more than 50 percent of fine particle emissions in my state come from residential wood combustion. The survey also cited recreational fire pits as the most common type of wood-burning equipment used by households like mine. After a summer filled with [air quality warnings in the Upper Midwest](#), the least I can do to help alleviate the growing pollution problem is to stop burning wood in my backyard. Note: Gas fire pits, like this [highly rated option](#) recommended by Bob Vila's team of lawn and garden experts, burn cleaner fuel and emit less particulate matter into the atmosphere than their wood-burning counterparts. RELATED: [Fire Pit Safety: 13 Rules to Remember](#) 2) They don't deter mosquitoes. RELATED: [How to Get Rid of Mosquitoes Naturally: Our 15 Best Tips](#) 3) Backyard fire pits stink. RELATED: [The Best Air Purifiers for Smoke](#) 4) Burning stuff isn't neighborly. Like most homeowners, I want to keep a mutually respectful relationship with my neighbors. It wasn't until I purchased and used my wood-burning fire pit that I realized just how annoying and downright dangerous it could be to those that live around me. The air pollution alone can harm neighbors with health conditions like asthma; and it goes without saying that kids can get burned if not constantly monitored around the flames and hot coals. Nearby property is always at risk when using a fire pit, but especially during times of drought. Even [firewood supplies](#) can cause problems. For example, the invasive emerald ash borer has destroyed many mature trees in my neighborhood. According to the [University of Minnesota Extension](#), transporting infested firewood has led to its accelerated spread. RELATED: [12 Things You Don't Realize Are Annoying Your Neighbors](#) 5) They damage lawns.

California [Dennis Mattinson's Weather - October 16, 2023 - Sierra Wave](#) He specialized in the monitoring, measurement and movement of particulate matter 2.5 and 10 microns in size (known as PM-2.5 and PM-10). He also California, Lake County [Wildfire smoke leaves harmful gases in floors and walls – air purifiers aren't enough, new](#) Lake County News In CASA, we studied what happens when pollutants and chemicals get inside our homes – pesticides, smog and even wood smoke. CSU Natural Sciences. Hawaii, Kula [Preliminary Kula ash samples show elevated levels of toxic substances](#) Hawaii State Department of Health - Hawaii.gov DOH continues to install additional PM2.5 continuous air monitors. PM 2.5 is particulate matter that is 0.0025 millimeters and smaller in size (about United State [Some Good News for Consumers on Heating Costs: The Kiplinger Letter](#) Wood Burning Stove vs Central Heating: Which is Cheaper? Ways to Lower Your Heating Costs · Jim Patterson. Social Links Navigation. India, Delhi [Air quality dips to 'poor' category in Delhi - Daijiworld.com](#) However, PM 2.5 stood at 176 "moderate category", according to data from the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR). India, Delhi [Delhi-NCR weather: Noida's air quality dips to 'poor' category, AQI stands at 204](#) India TV News According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research, Safar-India, the current PM 2.5 concentration in Noida was 5.2 times India, Mumbai [Mumbai: Air quality in 'moderate' category, AQI at 169 - MSN](#) In Navi Mumbai, PM 2.5 stands out as the primary pollutant. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) disclosed that Siddarth Nagar in Worli, India, Noida [Noida's air quality recorded in 'poor' category' | Zee Business](#) Noida AQI level today: According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research, Safar-India, the current PM 2.5 concentration Singapore [Haze Situation Update \(16 October 2023\) | - Meteorological Service Singapore](#) As at 6pm, the 1-hr PM2.5 concentration readings were 13-31 µg/m³, in Band I (Normal), and the 24-hr PSI was 54-72, in the Moderate range. Update PM2.5 & Diabetes [Air pollution: Study finds link between diabetes and PM 2.5; experts call for more details](#) News9live AIIMS Delhi and Chennai found link between PM 2.5 and diabetes. As per the author of the study, controlling air pollution can also help in

