

## Project Spotlight



*Upside-down fire — it really works!*

Forget everything you know about building the perfect fire. If you want a fire that burns for 3-4 hours with no fussing and poking, no additional wood...just pure enjoyment...then read on. The method is simple: reverse the building process. Place the largest logs at the bottom, ensuring there is no space between them. Add a second layer of smaller logs, again ensuring no open space. Repeat until you reach the top, where you'll place some newspaper and build a mini-kindling teepee or simply use fire-starter squares. The upside-down fire will take longer to produce flames, so be patient. Don't let fire tending turn into another tedious task. You'll have more heat, minimal smoke, and less management. Reap the rewards of the upside-down method, as counter-intuitive as it might be!

## Maintenance Corner

### White, frozen stuff

Winter has officially arrived! Driving or parking on snow creates ice on the driveway, which magnifies the effects of snow on the concrete surface. Remove ice and snow from concrete slabs as promptly as possible after snow storms. Never use de-icing products containing salt on concrete or damage will occur. Look for products such as Blizzard Wizard, Pure Melt, Prestone, and others at your local hardware store. After the snow melts, remove excess materials from the sidewalk.

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The Excitement Is Building!

To all of our friends and colleagues,

Ken, Lynor, Marvin and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year. With so much emphasis on negative news, we are very grateful for our families, our health, good friends and the freedoms that we enjoy. We are looking forward to a busy and productive 2010 and wish you all the best.

Randy Bachman



*"Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." -Charles Dickens*