

# *Tips for lighting your smoker*

## *(and keeping it lit)*

- *Start with an empty smoker*
- *Light a small amount of paper with a large match or grill lighter.*
- *Add fine material slowly, allow to catch, and add more small material. Use the bellows.*
- *Add larger material.*
- *Pump bellows until HOT and flaming. Loosely fill the smoker with more smoker fuel.*
- *Any natural, woody material works for fuel: wood chips, pet bedding, pinecones, bark, pine needles, nut shells, etc.*
- *Avoid ANY synthetic material and rags or any material with chemicals or dyes (for example, blue jean material, some burlap, or binder twine.)*
- *Larger smokers work better – Jumbo size*

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