

Curing your clay chimenea helps to prevent cracking and general heat damage and should be done prior to using your chimenea for the first time.

- 1 First, spread an even layer 5-8 cm deep of sand in the base of the chimenea. Ensure this layer is always present when the chimenea is in use.
- **2** Place a small quantity of kindling and newspaper on top of the sand.
- **3** Light the paper first, and allow the fire to build and spread.
- **4** Add a small log to the slow burning fire.
- 5 When the log has burnt out, allow the chimenea to cool.
- **6** Repeat the whole process a minimum of three times.
- **7** Soot from the fire will rise into the natural cracks of the chimenea, and seal the pores, reducing the chance of cracking.
- 8 Most of all, enjoy your chimenea!



