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Tinder Use

PAPER



The choice of paper for lighting a fire is important. Some shiny papers and card will smolder and not produce enough heat to get a fire started. Some lighter papers may burn too quickly, not allowing for more substantial tinder to start burning. Newspaper is often a favourite for getting a fire going.

COTTON WOOL



Cotton Wool is fantastic fire lighting tinder. It's always worth keeping cotton wool in any empty space in your pack, it weighs nothing, takes up little room as as it's natural it can be discarded without worry, and then it's there if you need to light a fire quickly. Handy stuff!

VASELINE - PETROLEUM JELLY



Vaseline is petroleum jelly — the same petroleum that's used in oil-based products. In the form of jelly, it's still flammable, but doesn't evaporate or run everywhere. It works best when combined with cotton wool, light the cotton ball, the Vaseline melts and burns. At that point, you essentially have a candle.

TINDERCARD



A flammable piece of impregnated material or lighting paper, which when pulled apart shows its fibrous nature producing an excellent complement to a flint and striker. Once ignited it burns slowly like a candle, helping to easily start fires. Only a small amount is required for a survival kit, and it packs smaller than the alternatives, e.g. cotton wool balls / tampons etc. This stuff lasts for a long time and proves to be a good friend when conditions are damp.

This is a safe and simple way to start a fire with wood, pellets or charcoal without spreading poisonous gases and a nasty smell. Consists exclusively of biologically degradable substances.

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FIRE STARTER SQUARES



There are a variety of fire lighting blocks available on the market. There are some that rely on chemicals to burn, however more recent fire blocks burn cleanly without leaving any residue. These blocks can be particularly helpful if trying to light a fire in damp or rainy conditions.

Use

FLAMERS



We all know how important fire lighting is when it comes to bushcraft and outdoor education. Reliable tinder is essential and 'Flamers' are the very best choice when it comes to lighting a fire. Flamers are made solely of natural produce and they're every bit as easy to use as they are friendly to our precious environment. Flamers contain no nasty chemicals and are completely odourless when lit - they also offer a long burn time giving you a longer working period to build your fire steadily and safely. They're great tinder for starting fires outside or used around the home in your fireplace or even to light the summer barbeque!

DRYER LINT



Dryer Lint is fantastic fire lighting tinder. It's always worth keeping lint ballsl in any empty space in your pack, it weighs nothing, takes up little room. It burns very quickly so is often best used with a slower burning tinder or mixed with some petroleum jelly.

SNACK FOODS - CHEETOS



It is amazing how well some dry processed foods can burn. Cheetos (cheese puffs) are an ideal example, once lit they can burn for a substantial amount of time. It is worth experimenting with different snacks to see how long they will burn