



Fire Starters

Being prepared isn't just about having food on the shelf but having a plan for every possible emergency. Every good plan has tools and useful resources. Here is a recipe and instructions if you will for tried and tested fire starters that have kept us warm in every imaginable weather from cool summer nights, rainy and wet, and deep snow and ice conditions.

Supplies Needed:

1. Cardboard Egg Carton
2. Lint from your clothes dryer
3. Sawdust from your hobby shop or nearby cabinet maker
4. String (any kind, don't worry about type just use it to hold and dip the starter material)
5. Wax (old candle wax, Scentsy, and canning or paraffin wax will work)
6. Metal Fruit Can
7. Wax Paper or Tinfoil

Instructions:

- A. Cut out each eggcup from the carton; fill it full with dryer lint. A little sawdust mixed in can be useful, as it will burn a little hotter than lint alone. Take a string or piece of yarn and tie a knot around the full eggcup leaving a tail of several inches.
- B. Melt your wax, from any source inside the empty fruit can. (If you are using outdoors use unscented paraffin wax that will not attract bears or other critters!)
- C. Dip the tied eggcup in the melted wax until fully saturated and not more air bubbles arise. You may want or need a stick or straw to push the bundle down and hold it while it soaks up the wax.
- D. Let sit and dry over night or for a couple of days on a sheet of wax paper or tinfoil. Do not stick in the freezer; allow cooling and drying at regular room temperature.
- E. Store in a plastic bag until needed.
- F. Lighting: simply light the side of the eggcup. Do not worry about needing the string for a fuse☺ it is not an explosive or rocket engine. Once started unless conditions are overly harsh this starter should burn anywhere from 15-20 minutes even lighting damp or frozen wood.

