

# Care & Feeding of Fire Props

**Preparation** - To help make your wick last longer, follow these steps:

1. Take whatever fuel mixture you normally use and soak your fire props in it overnight. Remove from the fuel and shake properly.
2. Light your props and let them burn just long enough for the entire surface to be on fire. This usually takes just a few seconds. Douse the burning wicks with a wet towel.

Repeat this process 3 times and your wick should hold more fuel and last longer if properly cared for.

**Burning** - Douse your props BEFORE the wick itself is burning (orange sparkles). For best results, douse your props when the flame is about 2 inches above the wick.

**Storage** - Keep your wick in an airtight container when not in use. Plastic bags work very well for this. DO NOT USE GLASS CONTAINERS WITH FIRE PROPS, EVER!

**Practice** - Try to keep the wick safe and clean. Wrap in aluminum foil and then cover with something soft, such as fabric bags or even some old socks. This protects the wick and helps keep you from getting dirty too.

**Safety** - Always wear proper clothing and take safety precautions when working with fire. CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE USE! Nothing spoils a show faster than sending a burning piece of equipment into the audience. Take the time to learn about your preferred fuel and proper first aid procedures for burns. Never work with fire without a safety person present.

**Be careful!**  
**When in doubt, do it safer.**