

COOL YOUR ASHES!

Every year discarded “cold ashes” result in house fires or wildfires.

FACT: Many people don’t realize the length of time required for ashes to cool enough for disposal. Coals and ashes from fires can remain hot enough to reignite and start a fire for many days after the fire appears to be out.

BE SAFE: Treat ALL ashes and coals as HOT ashes, even when you think they have had enough time to cool. Take care to dispose of them wisely. Your house, deck or garage are **unsafe locations** for storing ashes while they cool and have been the site for devastating fires.



Wait at least a week before disposing of ashes from your woodstove or charcoal grill. Be sure to check them again to be sure they are cool to touch. If so, they are safe to dispose of.

DID YOU KNOW?

Keeping ashes in a fire resistant metal container with a lid helps keep air from blowing through and disturbing the ashes, which can leave hot coals exposed to reigniting.



Place ash can away from your house and flammable material. Do not place it near your woodpile, up against the garage, in the garage or on or under a deck or porch. A good location is on concrete or stone.

