

Properly disposing of hot ashes

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One of the most common fires we respond to is a fire caused by hot ashes being placed in a box or bag and stored on the back deck.

When you clean the ashes from your fireplace or wood-burning stove this fall, make sure to place them in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Place the container on a non-combustible surface like your concrete garage floor and leave them in the container for at least one week. At this time they will be safe to discard in the trash.

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