



Asbury Park Fire Department Prevention Division

Disposal of Fireplace Ashes

Every year, improperly disposed of fireplace ashes cause dangerous and costly house fires. Fireplace and wood-stove ashes retain enough heat to ignite other combustible materials for several days after a fire. It is important to dispose of fireplace and wood-stove ashes properly:

- † Do NOT discard your ashes into any combustible container like a paper or plastic bag, a cardboard box, or a plastic trash can.
- † Do put ashes into a non-combustible metal container with a lid.
- † Do pour water into the container to make sure the ashes are cool.
- † Do keep your ash container OUTSIDE the home, away from combustibles.

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