

## Press Release

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### Disposal of Fireplace Ashes



The Wilton Fire Department reminds residents to be fire safe when disposing of fireplace ashes. Ashes in fireplaces can remain hot and combustible for many days after the fire is out. Ashes should be left to cool in the fireplace for a few days when possible. When you are ready to dispose of the ashes, follow these steps:

- All fireplace ashes should be placed into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Carefully shovel ashes from fireplace into the metal container. **DO NOT** use a vacuum.
- **DO NOT** place ashes into paper bags, plastic bags, card board boxes, plastic trash cans or plastic bins.
- Once ashes are in the metal container, douse the ashes with water and stir them thoroughly. Make sure all the ashes have been cooled. Place lid on container.
- Place metal container with secured lid at **least 10 feet** from your residence or anything combustible. Allow ashes to sit and cool for 48-72 hours. After ensuring the ashes are cooled, it is safe to dispose of them with other household waste.

For more fire safety tips and other information, [click here](#) to visit the Wilton Fire Department web page or call us at (203) 834-6247.

