LANTERN AND STOVE SAFETY

Camping lanterns and stoves can be used for a variety of purposes and are two of the handiest devices available to Scouts and Scouters. Follow these tips to properly and safely use your camping stoves and lanterns.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR EQUIPMENT STAYS IN GREAT CONDITION

Clean your equipment before and after every camping season or when it gets dirty.



Try using a damp cloth and dish soap for cleaning your lantern or stove.



Dry your equipment after cleaning to prevent rusting.

Inspect your equipment occasionally for any signs of rust, dirt or broken parts; extra time is required when inspecting your lantern globe and the burners on a stove.

Inspect for airflow blockages that can
 effect fuel efficiency.

Safely empty the lantern or stove as best as possible before storing.



Use a funnel and spill protection (such as an absorbent mat or a container to catch leaked fuel).



KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND WHEN YOU'RE USING YOUR EQUIPMENT

Before using a stove or lantern, read the instructions or find someone who can show you how to use it.

Set up your lantern or stove
on a flat, stable area that's clear of any debris.

Make sure you're wearing closed-toe footwear during use.



- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: shortness of breath, nausea, headaches, dizziness and light-headedness.
- Have a carbon monoxide detector if using in an enclosed cabin or cottage.
- Never light in close quarters in case of spillage and flare-ups.

Store fuel in a safe, well-ventilated area away from any heat sources.

- NEVER refuel when in use! Make sure all flames are extinguished first and let the equipment cool before handling.
- When finished, make sure you allow for the equipment to cool down before packing it away.

FIRE EMERGENCY

MAKE A FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN AND ENSURE EVERYONE KNOWS IT!

Include:

- An evacuation plan
- Where emergency firefighting materials are located (fire extinguishers, water, fire blankets)
- Who the designated emergency leaders are
- Where to meet in the case of an emergency



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