

Wood Shavings and Diesel

This is my most preferred fire starter to prepare and use. It is easy and takes the least amount of preparation to have all you need quickly.

You will need a four or five gallon bucket full of wood shavings and one gallon of diesel fuel. Next you will need a gallon of diesel fuel. The same fuel that is used in big diesel vehicles or heating fuel oil.



Pour one gallon of diesel over the shavings and stir them with a stick. Once you have the fuel generally mixed you seal the lid on and in a few days the fuel will have been absorbed by the shavings just like a wick.

To use the fire starter just grab a handful and place it under the kindling. Carefully light the starter. The reason you use diesel fuel is because it lights easily and does not put off explosive vapors. The starter will burn for several minutes and will get a great fire started even for the novice!

You can see why I like this method so much, it is easy and works as well as any other fire starters. Leave the fire mixture in the bucket with the lid securely closed for storage. I use an old peanut butter jar to carry some of this starter with me for camping or other uses.