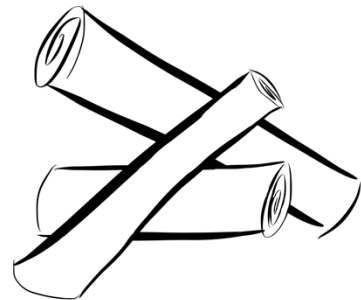


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Fire-making Tips and Tricks

- A bed of twigs at the bottom of your firepit will help keep your fuel dry and combustible.
- Strike multiple matches at once for a hotter flame.
- Using paper, paper towel, birch paper, dryer lint, and/or spruce twigs for tinder will create a hot flame very quickly to ignite your kindling.
- Your kindling should be laid lightly over your tinder so it will catch quickly but will not suffocate the flame.
- Lay larger sticks on top of the kindling, but make sure they are dry! A good test for this is to try to bend your stick: if the stick bends without snapping, or if it is damp to the touch, then it is too wet and may put out your fire.

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