

From:
City of Clermont
Fire Department

**Have a Happy Fire Safe Holiday
Season**

RULES FOR SAFETY

WE'VE MADE YOU A LIST

- Please check it twice:
 - HEATING
 - *FIRE PLACE (NEVER BURN WET WOOD) BURN ONLY SEASONED HARDWOOD. AVOID PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE FIREPLACE...THESE ITEMS BURN AT HIGHER TEMPERATURES THAN SEASONED WOOD. MAKE SURE THE CHIMNEY IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS. HAVE AN APPROPRIATE SCREEN ACROSS THE FRONT TO PROTECT AGAINST FLYING AMBERS, AND SCHEDULE BURNING TO ENSURE THE FIRE IS OUT BEFORE GOING TO BED.*

ANYONE CAN BE A VICTIM OF FIRE

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES 2003



HOME HAZARDS CONTINUED

- **COOKING STILL LEADS THE NATION AS THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF RESIDENTIAL FIRES**
 - NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING COOKING ON THE STOVE UNATTENDED.
 - PETS HAVE ACTUALLY TURNED BURNERS ON WHILE ATTEMPTING TO JUMP UP AND GET FOOD LEFT ON TOP OF A STOVE.
 - WATCH OUT FOR LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING AROUND BURNER EYES.
 - TURN POT HANDLES INWARD TO AVOID CHILDREN REACHING THEM.
 - KEEP EXHAUST HOODS CLEAN AND GREASE FREE.
 - REMEMBER SELF-CLEANING OVENS LOCK DURING THE PROCESS...THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR EXCESSIVE GREASE CLEANING JOBS AND MAY CATCH FIRE.

CANDLES



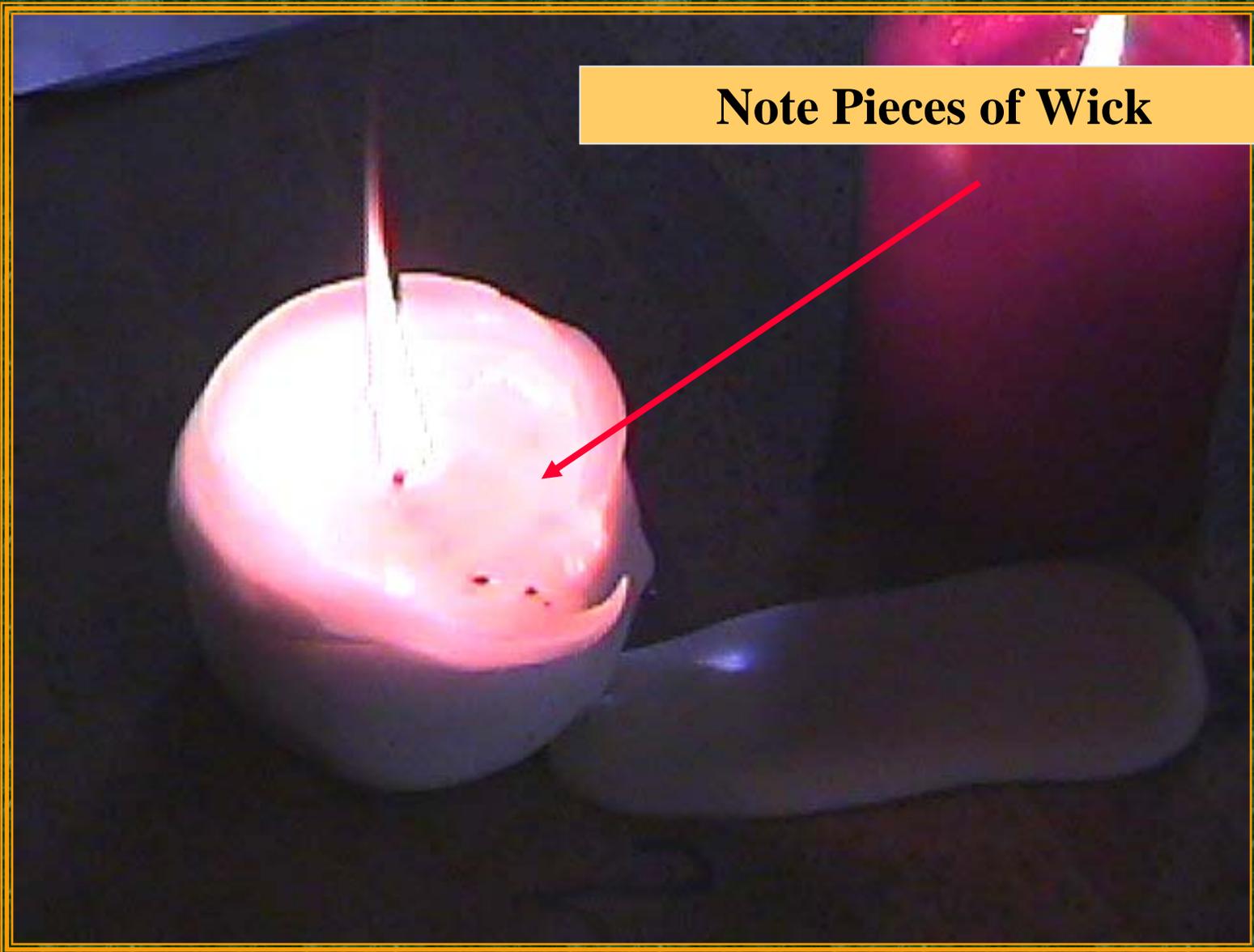
The Flame on this candle
Is too long.

It has caused a soft
Spot to the near side
of the candle.

Notice the wick is leaning
Toward you which
Contributes to the
Failure. Wax can then
Run down onto a
Table. A piece of burning
Wick is all that will be
Needed to have a FIRE.

THIS COULD BE THE RESULT

Note Pieces of Wick



Suggestions For Safe use of Candles

- Always use a solid non-combustible base that will ensure the candle will not fall over.
- Be aware that children are attracted to the flame of a burning candle.
- Always extinguish a candle if you plan on leaving the room. “Out of Sight – Out of Control”
- Do not use Multi-Wick candles. They do not burn evenly.
- If the wick extends to one inch – the wax burns too fast and the flame will become long and hot.
- Never place candles close to combustible materials.

Don't Let This Happen To You



SPACE HEATING

- **Use Space Heaters with Extreme Caution.**
- **Never refuel a Space Heater in the Home.**
- **Never refuel a Hot Space Heater.**
- **Keep a 36” clear space around your heater.**
- **Never use fuel other than that approved for your heater by the manufacturer.**
- **Make sure the Heater is UL Approved.**
- **Make sure your heater has a “tip-over” shut off feature.**
- **Be aware of children and heaters. Severe burns can occur in just seconds.**

Don't Mix Heating Systems



**LP Gas
System on
The wall...
Kerosene
Heater at left
And two
Fuel
Containers –
The One at
Right Turned
Out to be
Gasoline**

CARBON MONOXIDE

“The Silent Killer”

- **If you use fuel oil, kerosene, wood, or LP Gas, and the system in use is not working properly:**
 - **You could experience high concentrations of Carbon Monoxide.**
 - **The Symptoms are Headache, Dizzy feeling, Inability to Function, Nausea, Difficulty Concentrating.**
 - **If a detector is in use and it sounds the alarm...**
 - **Ventilate the Residence and call 911.**
 - **Exit the residence.**
 - **Anyone who has experienced CO exposure should seek medical attention immediately.**
 - **Don't second guess Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. It is difficult to detect in human beings.**

How To Protect Your Family

- **HAVE A FULLY FUNCTIONAL SMOKE DETECTOR OR DETECTORS IN THE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.**
- **HAVE A FULLY CHARGED FIRE EXTINGUISHER HANDY – MORE IS BETTER. A,B,C, IS A GOOD ALL PURPOSE EXTINGUISHER.**
- **HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE PLANNED FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY...PRACTICE IT.**
- **KNOW THE PROCEDURE TO CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – POST IT NEAR THE PHONE.**

A FIRE OF THIS MAGNITUDE IS DEADLY



Smoke Kills – Get Low and Go if you awaken to a Smoke Filled Room

Air Rushes In To Feed The Fire



IF READING THIS, STIRS EVEN A SINGLE MOMENT OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS ...WE HAVE ACHIEVED SUCCESS.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year