

Firestarters - These are Fantastic!



Isn't that a neat photo? A Frito corn chip burns! It's the oil in the chip that is burning - which should make you think twice about the fat calories in Fritos.

An insurance adjuster told me corn chips are also used to start car fires. Arson investigators get suspicious when they find charred remains of a Fritos bag in the middle of a burned-out front seat. A Frito corn chip will burn for minutes to set your campfire tinder alight. Here are other fantastic firestarters:

1. Cotton and Vaseline - inflammable combo. This is about the best firestarter! Get a cotton ball, rub a forefinger tip's worth of Vaseline into it, and store it in a 35mm film can. To use as tinder, fluff it out, and light it.
2. Alcohol prep pads - for first aid use. These produce an almost invisible light blue flame. They don't burn brightly or long, but they can get a fire going.
3. Hand sanitizer - the squirty kind. These are about 60 percent alcohol. Almost invisible light blue flame. Not much of a flame; it's easy to blow out.
4. Some nail polish removers - in a bottle. This is very volatile, with vapors that light as quickly as acetone. Dump it on, throw a lighted twig at it, and run.
5. Dryer lint - from your dryer's lint filter. Fluff it out, light it; it burns slowly.
6. Sawdust and Paraffin in an egg carton. Melt paraffin, stir sawdust into it, and pour it into an egg carton. Tear off one section to light one campfire.