

Easter Vigil – Fire Pit

Prep the fire pit no later than the Saturday before Easter.

Get these ahead of time:

Newspaper

Hatchet or Ax

Sand: 75-100 lbs

Wood: pine bundles – 2. CVS on 41st has cheap bundles (Far right back).

(Do not waste money on Oak, Apple or other hard woods – they are hard to light)

The fire pit is stored in the shed with a tan canvas cover.

Remove the cover and leave it in shed.

Load the fire pit into the wheelbarrow – one-person job.

**One must slightly tip the wheelbarrow & fire pit to get them between the two sheds.

Once on a flat service cover the bottom of the pit with sand.

Cover the sand with the paper sacks it came in.

Make a couple of newspaper rolls.

Split off some kindling with the hatchet. Save one for later.

Lay kindling on the newspaper.

**At this point moving the wheelbarrow becomes very awkward

Stack most of the wood over the kindling. Remainder in bottom of wheelbarrow.

**leave wheelbarrow behind the front doors, so it can be wheeled out first thing.

**3-person operation at this point

**your choice to off-load wheelbarrow from front or rear at desired location (it cannot be moved)

Remove spark-arrestor screen and light fire. Add wood as needed. Keep track of wooden handled hook.

The Altar Guild will supply you with cut up “fair linens”. These are soiled linens that can no longer be used in services.

Feed the linens into the fire so they have a chance to burn up, before sailing away.

Using the withheld piece of kindling, heat the pins that will go into the Pascal Candle. Light the candle.

Cover the fire pit, as the group will process into the church.

After Service

Load firepit back on wheelbarrow.

Stir up any burning logs, breaking them up if possible.

Wheel over to the right of basketball hoop, putting the right side up against the curb by the sheds.

Pull off screen.

Tip wheelbarrow to right, pulling on the ring to tip it upside down.

Bang on the bottom to make sure all sand is out.

Load the pit back onto the wheelbarrow and return to shed.

Put wooden handled hook and any leftover wood in pit, cover with screen.

Return canvas cover to firepit.

Lock up and you are done.

Hampton Bay is a Home Depot brand.

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