Incinerator Operator Guidelines



- Wear personal protective equipment—helmet, goggles, respirator, overcoat/overalls, heavy-duty gloves, apron, and boots.
- 2. Ensure fuel is available for operating the incinerator and that the waste to be incinerated is dry.
- 3. Record the number of safety boxes and bags to be burned.

4. Clean the incinerator.

- Remove the ash and deposit it safely in the ash pit.
- Place the grate/tray back in the incinerator.

5. Preheat the incinerator.

- Place firewood or other material in the incinerator.
- Light the wood or other material.
- After 5 minutes of a steady burn, add more wood.
- Continue this process every 5 minutes for 20 minutes total (4 cycles).

6. Load and burn the waste.

- Load 1 safety box every 8–10 minutes.
- Alternate loading bags of waste with loading safety boxes.
- If the temperature drops, load combustable material such as paper.
- If you see smoke the temperature is too low.
 - If the temperature gets too high, add a bag of waste.
- If you see fire in the chimney the temperature is too high.

7. Burn down the waste.

- Load the last safety box.
- Wait 10 minutes and add firewood to maintain the fire and ensure the waste is completely burned. This may take up to 30 minutes.
- When the waste is completely burned, allow the fire to die out.
- Do not leave the incinerator until the fire has burned down to embers.

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