



**PORTLAND
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Requirements for the Use of Candles*

- ✓ Candles are only allowed on noncombustible tables, NOT on bar-tops or floors.
- ✓ The candle base must be noncombustible and have a wide base.
- ✓ Candles must not spill more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
- ✓ The flame must be enclosed except for the top and openings of up to $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the sides.
- ✓ If the top is open it must not ignite tissue paper placed over the top for 10 seconds.
- ✓ The candle must return to an upright position if tilted to a 45-degree angle.
- ✓ Candles that fail this test would still be allowed if both the following conditions are met:
 1. The candle does not spill more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
 2. The candle must self-extinguish if tipped over.
- ✓ If the candle has more than 8 ounces of solid (wax) or liquid fuel it must meet the following requirements:
 1. The candle does not spill more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a teaspoon per minute of wax or fuel if tipped over.
 2. The candle must self-extinguish if tipped over.

*Please reference the following 2021 PFC code sites for additional information: 308, 806.3

Additional questions regarding the use of candles may be directed to the On-Duty Senior Fire Inspector at 503-283-3770, Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.