

HOW TO BURN CANDLE CORRECTLY

Most people don't realize that there is a right way to burn a candle and most people have no idea what the right way is.



Follow these guidelines and you'll get way more out of your candles every time with no wasted wax (or scent).

Trim the wick. Every. Single. Time.

Each time you want to burn your candle, start by trimming the wick to between 1/8 and 1/4 inches long (just the tip). You can use scissors, nail clippers (that's my personal favorite), but no matter what you do, always trim, every single time.

Let the wax melt all the way across.

Once your candle's lit, DON'T blow it out until the top layer of wax has melted all the way across. This might take several hours so don't set out to burn a candle at all unless you've got the time to do so. This is also called candle memory.

Whenever you fail to achieve full melt, you're contributing to a process called tunneling. The wick starts to sink lower and lower, like a tunnel is forming right through the center of the candle. Eventually, the tunnel will grow so deep that it'll be tough to light the wick at all. More importantly, all that unmelted wax on the sides represents hours of lovely fragrance and burn time you bought but won't ever get to utilize.

Only burn your candle for 4 hours at a time.

If you burn your candle for more than 4 hours at a time, carbon will collect on the wick, and your wick will begin to "mushroom." This can cause the wick to become unstable, the flame to get too large, your candle to smoke, and soot to be released into the air and around your candle container.