The Lord of the Rings™

Instructions for the Proper Care and Keeping of Any Good Pipe



Pipeweed has been cultivated by Hobbits for centuries, so no one knows more about ensuring one's pipe is worthy of puffing on a pleasant day in the Shire (particularly after second breakfast). Follow this counsel to keep your Shire Pipe™ in good enough condition to survive the trek there and back again.

To Pack One's Pipe



Any Hobbit worth their salt knows that the first step is to pack your chosen cut of Old Toby or Longbottom Leaf firmly, and aim for a moderate amount of airflow - not too tight, not too loose. You can check this by taking a few test puffs before lighting.

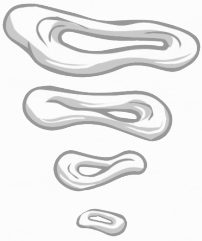
To Light One's Pipe



Using a circular motion, carefully apply a flame over the entire surface of the material in the pipe bowl, drawing gently on the mouthpiece. Tamp down, and re-light.

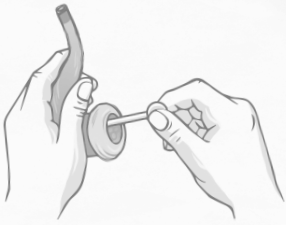
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To Partake of One's Pipe



Take your time. Puff gently - inhaling fully is not necessary. If you spend enough time with Gandalf, he may even teach you the secret to his smoke rings.

To Clean One's Pipe



Tap or gently scrape out the bowl immediately after use. Clean your pipe frequently to enjoy the taste of the Southfarthing's best for many years to come. Over time, a carbon deposit, or "cake," will build up inside the bowl.

Do not allow this layer to get thicker than $^{1}/_{16}$" (2mm), as it could damage the bowl, and your great-uncle Bilbo would not approve of you ruining his favorite pipe in such a way.

Use the provided poker multi-tool to gently remove any excess carbon. Use the included pipe cleaners to clear any build-up from the stem. Use isopropyl alcohol - not water - on a cotton swab to deal with particularly stubborn tar. Unless you are displaying it, store your pipe with the bowl facing down to allow any excess moisture to evaporate.

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