

ALADDIN LAMP TIPS

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The Aladdin is a tried and tested lamp with nearly a century of use all over the globe. Literally hundreds of thousands of people are still enjoying the use of Aladdins worldwide. These tips are provided to enable you to get the most pleasure and long use from your Aladdin with the minimum of trouble and bother.

1. FILLING ALADDINS IN WINTER

Always re-fill your Aladdin with good, clean, fresh kerosene (genuine Aladdin Lamp Oil or K-1 Grade Kerosene is recommended). The fuel must be at room temperature before adding to the lamp. To do otherwise causes condensation inside the bottom of the lamp bowl. The wick will then draw up this condensed water causing it to sputter and burn unevenly - thus a poor light.

2. FILLING LEVEL

Fill to about ONE HALF INCH (1/2) BELOW FILLER CAP. This will give you many hours of burning without the fuel expanding into the burner and causing a flooding condition - which will result in a lamp dripping fuel. A lamp holds about one quart genuine Aladdin Lamp Oil, which will provide 10 - 12 hours of steady bright, white light.

3. FILLING IN SUMMER

Your Aladdin will obviously have only limited use during the summer months - perhaps for late romantic dining - or just sheer pleasure. Always keep the lamp at least half full during the summer months to avoid the wick drying out. Check daily after use. This is especially important with the hanging Aladdins. LAMP OIL SWELLS IN SUMMER'S HEAT. If the lamp is filled to capacity, oil will flood the base of the burner and this will cause fuel spillage.

4. ALADDIN WICKS

Wicks last for hundreds of hours of operation, if used properly and the lamp is kept from running dry. KEEP ALL PARTS OF THE LAMP CLEAN - ALL THE TIME. Stale fuel deposits will cause any oil lamp to smell. Refill often with genuine Aladdin Lamp Oil or fresh, clean K-1 grade kerosene. Always use the genuine Aladdin wick cleaner. It has the correct profile to properly clean the excess carbon from the wick's burning surface. NEVER USE SCISSORS TO TRIM YOUR WICK. The profile will be incorrect and the mantle will not light properly. The carbon char on the wick's burning surface is necessary for smooth burning, but excess carbon disturbs the profile and should be removed only with wick cleaner. When changing an Aladdin wick, always make sure to the wick is absolutely dry. Follow the instructions on the wick carton and refrain from touching the top of the wick itself, as to not deform the burning surface. Make sure the wick slides smoothly up and down after attaching to the wick raiser. After many years of service, it may be necessary to remove the wick and polish the tube upon which the wick moves for smooth operation.

5. ALADDIN WICK CHARRING

It is important to have a properly charred wick in order for your Aladdin to produce a good even blue flame. To char wick: (a) Remove gallery and flame spreader. (b) Turn wick up 1/8" above outer wick tube. (c) Dip top of wick into Aladdin lamp oil briefly (about 5 seconds). (d) Light wick and let it burn until flame goes out (3 to 5 minutes). (e) Allow top of wick to smolder or glow until completely out. (f) Use Aladdin wick cleaner to smooth top of wick. Reinstall flame spreader and gallery assembly. NOTE: WICK must be completely dry in order to char wick top.

6. CHIMNEY CLEANING

Use warm water and mild detergent. MAKE SURE THE CHIMNEY IS THOROUGHLY DRIED BEFORE FITTING ONTO THE LAMP. Damp chimneys break more easily.

7. LIGHTING BURNER

Remove the gallery, mantle and chimney as one unit. When lighting the burner, let the flame form a complete ring around the flame spreader without turning up the wick too high. When you put the gallery back onto the lamp (with the mantle and chimney in place) turn up the wick until incandescence of the mantle is just visible - and only just!

8. BURNING THE LAMP

Leave the lamp in this state (#6 above) to warm up for ten minutes or so. This will increase the chimney draft and thus increase the fuel flow to the wick tip. Then turn up the light. As the burner heats up, the oil being capillarized by the wick will thin out, thus increasing the oil flow to the wick tip. NEVER turn up the lamp to full brightness immediately. Doing so will cause too much fuel to flow into the burner and upset the air-to-fuel ratio of 94% air and 6% fuel. The result will be a sooted up mantle with black spots at best - and a runaway lamp at worst. NEVER LEAVE A LIGHTED ALADDIN UNATTENDED. NEVER TOUCH THE GALLERY OR CHIMNEY OF A LIT ALADDIN OR ONE RECENTLY EXTINGUISHED - SERIOUS BURN INJURY COULD RESULT!

9. ENJOYMENT AND PLEASURE

Your Aladdin Kerosene Mantle Lamp will give you many years of trouble-free service with only normal replacement of mantles and wicks. Use it, enjoy it, and tell a friend about the mystical and magical Aladdin lamp that give out the soft, white light without the need for electric power.

Mr. John Claypole of England, stated it best: "The Aladdin is a 'Magical and Mystical' light. A light without fuss or noise, without cables or pipes. In a shack or a mansion, in a cottage or in a castle - light where you want it and when you want it; that's The Timeless Aladdin!"