

To all Devotees

### **Responsible Burning of Joss Paper and Incense Sticks/Candles**

The Taoist Federation (Singapore), the Singapore Buddhist Federation and Wat Ananda Metyarama would like to encourage all devotees to practise considerate joss paper and incense sticks/candles burning and adopt safety measures while carrying out traditional rites.

In order to maintain a clean, pleasant and safe living environment for all, we would like to remind all devotees of the following:

- 1) Please burn joss paper in proper burners or designated burners provided and in small quantities to minimise smoke generation.
- 2) Please avoid open burning of joss paper and incense sticks/candles directly on the ground, grass patches, walkway, vehicular driveway, near parked vehicles and building as these poses fire hazards and damages ground surfaces which are common public property.
- 3) There is no need for the customary throwing of joss paper in the air to indicate “Prosperity”. Please kindly burn these joss paper instead as they can be difficult to clean up.
- 4) Please do not leave food offerings on the ground after prayers, as they attract pests.
- 5) For everyone’s safety, please do not dispose of inflammable items such as lighters, matchsticks and cigarette butts into the burner or leave the burner unattended while burning.

To maintain clean air, we encourage devotees to avoid open burning and reduce the amount of joss paper and incense sticks/candles used.

The Religious Federations are working closely together with the relevant stakeholders (i.e. Town Councils, MCST or Managing Agent and commercial building management) to ensure the cleanliness of estates and deter indiscriminate burning of joss paper offerings at your respective properties and surrounding common areas. We would like to appeal to all devotees to be considerate and play your part in keeping your environment clean by practising responsible joss paper and incense sticks/candles burning.

Should you have any feedback or enquiries on the provision of joss paper burners, please do not hesitate to contact the respective stakeholders.

We thank you for your kind cooperation.

This e-advisory is jointly issued by the Religious Federations and the Alliance for Action (AfA) on Norms for Joss Paper Burning.



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新加坡道教总会，新加坡佛教总会与阿南达弥提雅拉玛泰佛寺在此吁请信众们在传统祭祀活动中焚烧冥纸与香烛时，采取一切防范措施。

为维持一个清洁，舒适与安全的生活环境，请信众注意以下的事项：

- 1) 请使用自备或在指定的焚烧炉焚烧冥纸，并只焚烧少量冥纸，以减少烟雾。
- 2) 请勿随地或在草地上，走道，车行道，靠近停放的车辆或靠近建筑物焚烧冥纸与香烛，以免导致火患或破坏公物。
- 3) 无须将冥纸抛散遍地以示“兴旺”。请把冥纸置入焚烧炉里焚烧，以便清理。
- 4) 在祭祀结束后，请不要把食物供品留在原地，以免引来害虫。
- 5) 为了大家的安全，请勿将易燃物品如打火机，火柴，或烟蒂等丢入焚烧炉或让冥纸在无人看顾的情况下焚烧。

我们鼓励信众请勿随地焚烧与减少焚烧冥纸与香烛，以保持空气清新。

各宗教总会将与利益相关者（例如各市镇理事会，各物业管理委员会和各商业大厦的管理层）紧密合作，加强传播不随意在各自的物业及周围的公共场所焚烧冥纸与香烛的信息。吁请信徒们谨慎焚烧冥纸与香烛，以维持周遭环境的整洁。

若有任何反馈或要求提供更多的焚烧炉，请拨打电话与利益相关者联系。

感谢您的合作。

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