

POTTING SOIL EMERGING AS A FIRE HAZARD



FIRE PREVENTION

There has recently been a noticeable increase of incidents of fires caused by dry peat moss in potting soil. Problems are also related to fertilizers in the soil, which can act as oxidizers that accelerate fires. Many potting soils on the market today contain less dirt and more organic substances that are flammable, such as shredded wood, bark, peat moss, Styrofoam, and vermiculite.



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DELTA FIRE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TIPS TO REDUCE POTTED PLANTER FIRES:

- Do not use potted plants as an ashtray.
- Provide an appropriate ashtray/ smoker's receptacle wherever people are smoking.
- Always keep potted plants well watered and maintained.
- Do not keep potted plants near combustible materials.
- Unused potting soil should be spread in your yard or garden.
- Use clay planter pots whenever possible, as they may keep potting soil fires better contained.