

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 burning of joss paper and incense sticks/candles and to adopt safety measures while carrying out traditional rituals.

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 designated burners and in small quantities to minimise smoke and ash generation.
- 2) Please avoid open burning of joss paper and incense sticks/candles directly on the ground, grass patches, walkways, vehicular driveways, near parked vehicles and buildings, as these pose fire hazards and damage ground surfaces which are common public property.
- 3) There is no need for the customary throwing of joss paper into the air to indicate “prosperity”. Joss paper should be burnt when worshipping deities and ancestors for it to be effective. Tossing and scattering joss paper is disrespectful to deities and ancestors. Please burn joss paper in the burners instead, as scattered joss paper creates cleanliness issues. Leaving items behind in shared spaces is inconsiderate and may constitute littering.
- 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 burners, or leave the burner unattended while burning.

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 thank you for your kind cooperation.

This e-advisory is jointly issued by the following Religious Federations.



Taoist Federation (Singapore)



Singapore Buddhist Federation



Wat Ananda Metyarama

各位信众：

负责任的焚烧金银纸与香烛

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呼吁信众们在传统祭祀活动中焚烧金银纸与香烛时，为他人着想，采取负责任的做法以及安全防范措施。

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) 请在指定的焚烧炉焚烧金银纸，并只焚烧少量金银纸，以减少烟雾和灰烬。
- 2) 请勿随意在草地，走道，车行道，靠近停放的车辆或靠近建筑物的地方焚烧金银纸与香烛，以免导致火患或破坏公物。
- 3) 无须将金银纸抛散遍地以示“兴旺”。祭祀神明与祖先的金银纸应加以焚烧才有效。抛撒是对他们的不敬行为。请把金银纸置入焚烧炉里彻底焚烧。抛撒金银纸会造成环境卫生问题。遗留物品也可被视为乱丢垃圾。
- 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，请勿将易燃品如打火机，火柴，或烟蒂等丢入焚烧炉或让金银纸在无人看顾的情况下焚烧。

各宗教总会将与相关机构（如各市镇理事会，分层地契管理公司和各商业大厦的管理层）紧密合作，加强不随意在各自的物业及周围的公共场所焚烧金银纸与香烛的宣导工作。

感谢您的合作。

这则电子文告由以下宗教总会联合发布。



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新加坡佛教总会



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