

RMS INSTA-POLL

“How do you dispose of your stripped matches?”

103 members responded - November, 2007

- Throw loose in garbage.....18
- Bag and throw in garbage.....21
- Soak and throw in garbage w/wo bagging.....48
- Burn in:.....11
 - Fireplace.....4
 - Outside.....6
 - Paper recycle bin.....1
- Only deal with stripped covers or full books.....5

I was amazed at how many people just threw their matches into the garbage without soaking them first. Several of the respondents specifically reported that they had been doing so for years with no reported problems, but, personally, I'd be scared to do that...based on personal experience. Once I just casually dumped quite a few stripped matches into my garbage can in the garage and the whole thing ignited like a jet engine while I was still pouring the matches in!...Last time I did *that!* Now, I soak them in a large bowl in the sink before I dump them into the garbage. If I happen to be stripping in the winter (*matches, Ladies!*), I'll use them in the fireplace, but if it's any other time of the year, I'm wary of keeping all those stripped matches around the house, so I'll use the soaking method.

**For those who bagged matches before throwing them in the garbage, 'bagging' included putting them in plastic bags, zip-lock bags, and bowls.*

**'Soaking' matches included wrapping them in paper towels before putting in garbage.*

**'Burning outside' included using burn barrels and camp fires.*

**'Burning in the fireplace also included using the match heads for kindling*

