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WHIFFS ON WHEELS

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CANDLE TALK *by Tina Renee*

MY WICK IS SMOKING, WHAT SHOULD I DO?!



What's up with the smoke!

A properly burning and well-made candle can produce a little smoke every now and then, but it should never continuously smoke. If a noticeable amount of smoke is being generated, knowing the causes can help stop it.

A healthy burning and well-crafted candle can produce a little smoke every now and then, but it should never continuously smoke. If a considerable amount of smoke is being generated, knowing the causes can help prevent it.

Any candle can produce soot if the flame is disturbed. To avoid this, always burn your candles in a well-ventilated room, away from drafts, vents or strong air currents.

Let's try trimming the wick!

Another common cause can be a wick that is too long; extinguish the flame, let the candle cool down, shorten the wick to (1/4 inch), and light it again.

A trimmed wick creates a calm, steady flame, which means the candle's burning process is in balance. The wick is efficiently pulling up the right amount of wax, and the flame creates complete combustion.

A wick that is too long won't be able to draw wax all the way to the top, and the wick itself will start to burn, causing it to smoke. A too-long wick can also cause a candle flame to grow too long and flare, again producing soot.

Always choose candles with chemical-free wax. Any impurities mixed into the wax, including scent oils, can impair combustion conditions and cause sooting.