



WELCOMES YOU TO USING THE *Sapling Fire Poker*

The fire poker you've just received was handmade in a small, family-owned shop in Georgia. It is a perfect complement to your wood-fired *Sapling* whether you are sugaring, grilling, smoking, baking or just having a contained campfire!

To help you get the most out of your purchase, the manufacturer has compiled a list of top customer concerns to help our customers know what to expect. We pass them along to you, here. Enjoy your *Sapling Fire Poker*!

The paint is scratched, peeling, or uneven at the fire-end of the poker.

The black paint is a temporary coating intended to minimize rusting during warehousing and shipping of the poker. The paint is not intended to survive a lifetime of fire – in fact, no coating can withstand direct contact with fire for very long. The paint will burn off, replaced by soot and creosote. This will not affect the longevity of the poker.

My poker is used and stored outdoors, and it is starting to rust.

Rusting of steel that is used and stored outdoors is inevitable. This will not significantly affect the longevity of our pokers as they are built from thick, heavy-duty steel and designed to be left exposed to the elements. However, if you would like to minimize rusting for aesthetic reasons, we recommend keeping the poker covered when not in use.