

Stumped???

This question was recently submitted from Larry in Shelby County:

“I recently bought a drip torch to do some burning on my property. What is the recommended drip torch fuel mixture rate?”

Dear Larry,

Mixing rate is somewhat a trial and error experience. Ignition fuels (what’s on the ground) are an important part of mixing fuel. The diesel carries the fire, and the gasoline ignites the fire. I recommend starting with a 4:1 diesel to gasoline mixture. In the event of higher humidity and cold temperatures, a 3:1 diesel to gasoline is recommended.

More experienced burners have used a 50/50 mix, termed ‘hot mix,’ due to its high combustion. This mixture rate should be used with caution and only by experienced burners. There are other mixtures out there using kerosene, but kerosene is expensive and not readily available. This is also a great way to get rid of old gasoline! Happy Burning!

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