

DAVENS CERAMIC CENTER

KILN FIRING POLICY

ANY REQUEST TO FIRE WORK WITH DAVENS CERAMIC CENTER IS AN AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES; FULL DESCRIPTION OF POLICIES ARE POSTED AFTER KILN PRICING

Davens will fire customers' work in our kilns. We will ensure steps are taken so that our firings are completed in a timely manner. In order to prevent the waste of valuable electricity, we will not fire unless we have a full kiln. Davens aims for a 2-week turnaround time (weekends are not included) for pieces dropped off, but these times can vary with fluctuation in demand for firing. For customers with a single shelf to fire, there may be a wait until we can fire your pieces. Consider bringing several shelves of pottery at once, or sharing a shelf with a friend. Davens reserves the right to refuse any piece for any reason.

Most importantly, we treat every piece as if it were our own. However, please remember that **these kilns are a shared space**. Although Davens maintains our kilns and we are as careful as possible, accidents do happen. Davens is not responsible for any damage that may occur to any pieces for any reason.

ALL WORK NOT PICKED UP WITHIN 30 DAYS OF BEING FIRED WILL BE DISCARDED AND NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR DISCARDED WORK. NO EXCEPTIONS.

KILN FIRING PRICING

SINGLE SHELF RENTAL - \$35/shelf

STILTING FEE - \$20/shelf

SMALL (x1) - 21" shelf diameter x 18" deep

Kiln rental - \$90

MEDIUM (x1) - 21" shelf diameter x 27" deep

Kiln rental - \$115

LARGE (x3) - 26" shelf diameter x 27" deep

Kiln rental - \$140

Any damaged shelves & stilts must be paid in full by the customer in addition to the firing fee

We ask you to follow these procedures in order to ensure a successful firing:

- **All customers must leave a credit card number on file** with Davens for the firing. Payment will be processed upon completion of firing. All pieces must be brought in a sturdy box labeled with the customer's name, phone number, type of clay, and cone firing temperature.
- **Davens reserves the right to refuse any piece with an unknown firing range.** It is your responsibility to know your clay body. It is not possible for Davens to identify any clay body by the looks of it alone. Customers must know the clay's firing temperature (cone number), the type of glaze you are using/what temperature (cone number) it matures at, and make sure it is a good fit for the clay.
- **Davens reserves the right to refuse any pieces for any reason.**
- **No foreign materials** such as newspaper or wood will be allowed. High temperature wire is permissible.
- **Davens will only fire up to cone 6. We only fire oxidation in an electric kiln.**
- **Davens does not preheat/candle our kilns before firing.** Davens reserves the right to refuse any solid or very thick work. Pieces must be completely dry before firing. Do not bring them here to dry. We are not responsible for any cracking or explosions that may occur.
- **Davens fires at a medium speed.** Any requests for a slow speed must rent the entire kiln space and will incur an additional \$20 fee per kiln.
- **Davens does not rent half shelf spaces** – a customer can only rent a full shelf space. Feel free to combine with a friend to fill the shelf and split the cost. Drop-off boxes must be clearly labeled with both names if sharing shelf space.
- **All bottoms of pieces must be clean*** to avoid sticking to our kiln shelves. You are responsible for the cost of any damaged shelves if your glaze runs and sticks to the shelf (**21" shelf - \$58.50, 26" shelf - \$90.00**)
- *Otherwise, the customer must bring their own kiln cookies. Davens does not sell kiln cookies. If a piece needs to be stilted, there is a \$20 stiling fee per shelf. Any stilts damaged by running glazes will be purchased by the customer.
- **Davens reserves the right to reject Once-Fires going up to cone 5/6.** If we decide to allow the firing the bottoms must be completely clean – we will NOT stilt cone 5/6 greenware and the customer must rent the whole kiln – single shelf rentals are not an option.
- **Pieces over 8" tall count as two full shelves, and pieces over 16" tall count as three shelves of space.**
- **Davens reserves the right to update these policies at any time.** If you have any questions about these policies, we are happy to explain & discuss them over the phone or via email. The most accurate version can be found at any time by calling Davens at 770.451.2105 or emailing davens@davensceramiccenter.com

DAVENS DROP-OFF FIRING SERVICE CUSTOMER FORM

Any request to fire work at Davens Ceramic Center is an agreement to our firing policies. Please be sure you are familiar with the most up-to-date version of our policy before signing this form. Davens reserves the right to refuse any pieces for any reason. Davens requires a credit card on hold in order to fire any pieces & requires all pieces be brought in a sturdy box labeled with the customer name, phone number, clay type, and firing temperature.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Type of Firing (circle one): BISQUE (Δ04) GLAZE (Δ06 / Δ6)

Clay body: _____ Number of pieces: _____ Description: _____

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