Dryer Lint & Petroleum Jelly: The Best Fire Starter Money Can't Buy

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People watch programs like Man Vs Wild, Survivorman and Dual Survival, they see these survival experts starting fire in all conditions and then think starting a fire in the wilderness is easy... It's NOT! And every advantage you can give yourself or take with yourself is vital to success.

The thing is - dry tinder it vital to starting a fire and in many situations you won’t be able to find an ideal/dry tinder from nature, so this immediately makes starting fire more difficult. With this in mind, it makes it very important to carry some kind of dry tinder with you at all times. I have done lots of posts about tinder and fire starter for just this reason. Here are just a few:

- How To Make Self-Igniting Fire Starters (A must see!)
- How To Make Charcloth (For fire starting)
- Two Great Fire Lighting Tips: Cattail & Birch Bark (one video for each)
- How To Start A Fire With A Chapstick
- How To Start A Fire With Birch-Bark (And in this case a firesteel)

Anyway one of the best tinder materials is the dryer lint that builds up on the dryer’s filter. Do yourself a favour, start saving this. Dryer lint takes a spark and lights incredibly easily, but it burns
very quickly. This is where the petroleum jelly comes in, but for more on how to make some of the best fire starters with dryer lint and petroleum jelly, head over to Willow Haven Outdoor and check out Creek's excellent tutorial.

The Best Fire Starter Money Can’t Buy: PET Balls