

# DAVENS KILN FIRING POLICY

Davens will fire customers work in our kilns. We will ensure that steps are taken to complete your firing in a timely manner. However to prevent wasting valuable electricity, we cannot fire unless we have a full kiln. 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.

<b>Full kiln rental fees:</b>	<b>Small Kiln (21" wide x 16" deep) = \$40 Fee</b>
	<b>Medium Kiln (21" wide x 25" deep) = \$60 Fee</b>
	<b>Large Kiln (26" wide x 25" deep) = \$80</b>
<b>Single shelf rental fee:</b>	<b>1 shelf (21" round surface area - up to 8" height) = \$20 fee</b>
<b>Stilting Fee:</b>	<b>\$20</b>

We treat each piece as if it were our own but to ensure a successful firing, please follow these procedures:

- 1) Clay must be purchased from Davens. Customers must know the clay's firing temperature (cone#), the type of glaze you are using/what temperature (cone#) it matures at, and make sure it is a good fit for the clay.
- 2) No foreign materials such as newspaper or wood will be allowed. High temp wire is ok
- 3) Let us know if a piece needs to be stilted. Any stilts damaged by running glazes will be purchased by the customer (**\$20 stilting fee**)
- 4) If the piece is not stilted make sure the bottom is clean. You are responsible for the cost of any damaged shelves if your glaze runs and sticks to the shelf (**\$25 for a half shelf - \$50 for a full shelf**)
- 5) Davens will only fire up to cone 6. We only fire oxidation in an electric kiln.
- 6) Pieces must be completely dry before firing. Do not bring them here to dry. We are not responsible for any cracking that may occur.
- 7) Davens fires at a medium speed – **any requests for a slow fire will incur a \$20 fee**
- 8) 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.
- 9) Davens reserves the right to reject Once-Fires going up to cone 6. If we decide to allow the firing the bottoms must be completely clean – we will NOT stilt cone 6 greenware and the customer must rent the whole kiln – single shelf rentals are not an option
- 10) Pieces over 8" tall count as two full shelves, pieces over 16" tall count as three shelves of space.

Even though we do our best to ensure your piece fires well, there are many circumstances that can cause failure. Air pockets, hairline cracks, incompatible glazes, etc... these things happen. Davens is not responsible for any loss. **We will not fire vermiculite and reserve the right to not fire any pieces that we feel will damage our kilns.**