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Instructions for Refolding the Practice Fire Shelter

Practice fire shelter deployments are an important part of annual wildland fire training. To provide each trainee with more realistic training, the practice shelter must be refolded correctly after each use.

1. Prepare the PVC bag by attaching the Velcro on the red closure strap to the Velcro on the bag. Open the top of the bag so it is ready for the shelter, then set the bag aside.

2. Fold the shelter in half lengthwise, making sure the floor stays tucked inside.

3. Fold the shelter lengthwise in thirds: first fold the shelter along the ***fold in*** line; flip the entire shelter over, keeping the first folded section in place; then fold the two remaining sections in half, bringing the handles toward the opposite side.

4. Accordion fold the shelter. Use the fold lines to make even-sized sections. Fold the end material inside the last section, to help fit the folded shelter into the bag.

5. Insert the folded shelter into the bag. The shake handles should be at the top of the bag.

Reminders:

- **NEVER** expose the practice fire shelter to *any* heat source, including fires.
- **NEVER** put a practice fire shelter into the standard case or a standard fire shelter into the practice case—even in training situations.

These instructions and an instructional video are available at *http://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/programs/fire/new_gen.htm*.

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