

CENTERED EARTH



CLAY ARTS STUDIO & GALLERY

Firing Policy and Fee Schedule

If you are a Muncy area resident, and need items fired, Centered Earth offers firing services for a fee. The fee we charge is based on the weight of the item we fire for you. Our minimum firing fee is \$6.75 per customer transaction and customers should plan that we will have your items at Centered Earth for at least one week. Firing services are first come, first fired. Centered Earth is a health conscious studio; we do not fire items that are glazed with products containing lead, barium, or non-encapsulated cadmium. All customers seeking firing services MUST know what clay and glazes were used on the items we are firing for you. If you are not certain if your glaze products meet our health standards, please bring the glaze container with you to Centered Earth.

Drop Off & Pick Up:

- You must call ahead to arrange a general time to drop off your items. Tuesdays before 2 pm and Saturdays are the best times to plan to drop off your items.
- We weigh your items when they arrive at our store; make sure they are completely dry before bringing them or you will be charged for water weight.

- We will not store your packing materials; take them home with you when you drop your items off to be fired.
- When you drop off your items to be fired, bisque or glaze, you must know the Cone or temperature you need your items fired to. If you do not know the Cone, bring the packaging from the clay or glaze.
- When your items are dropped off to be fired, customers may or may not get an estimate of when things will be ready to be picked up. Items are fired first come, first fired.

Bisque Pick Up:

- Centered Earth only fires items to bisque that are 100% dry; this helps reduce cracking.
- We will bisque fire to about cone 06. It takes 12 hours to heat the kiln to this temperature and about 24 hours for the kiln to cool off = kiln time alone is 36 hours. From the day the item is dropped off, expect about 7 days before you can pick up your items.

Preparing Your Items for Glaze Firing:

- We do not fire leaded glazes.
- We suggest that all Cone 6 glazed items you leave ¼ inch margin at the bottom of your pot to prevent glazing problems... i.e. your glaze melting all over the kiln and kiln furniture.
- Items glaze fired to Cone 06 can be stilted if they are not too heavy.
- In the event your items are so over glazed they ruin any kiln furniture – including clay props, stilts, or kiln shelves, you will be responsible for this cost.

Glaze Pick Up:

- It takes about 55 hours to glaze fire, including cooling time & unloading the kiln load.
- We fire earthenware (cone 04/06) items less often. It is likely those items will take longer to be fired; please plan accordingly.
- From the day your item is dropped off, expect 4 to 10 days before it is ready to be picked up.
- Plan to pick up your items within 30 days of dropping them off at Centered Earth.
- Items will not be stored longer than 30 days without prior arrangements.
- All fees must be paid before the items are picked up.

Costs:

Bisque Firing to Cone 06: 14 cents per ounce

Glaze Firing to Cone 06: 18 cents per ounce

Glaze Firing to Cone 6: 34 cents per ounce

In addition to the per piece price, a 10 cent per bisque or 26 cent per glaze firing handling fee is charged per item.

Prices updated 7/7/2016

Please call to check availability for firing services.

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