

# Aging Barrel Setup & Care Instructions

First remove the bung and spigot and rinse the barrel it repeatedly with water (that has been boiled before to remove chlorine etc.) so that any loose parts of wood are removed. Then tightly insert the spigot using a mallet, or place a cloth over the spigot and gently hammer it in.

Fill with boiling **hot** water and insert the bung. Allow 24 to 48 hours for the barrel to completely seal. Top the barrel off with more water if needed.

Then fill with Copper Run Moonshine, and place the bung in tightly. Due to the higher surface area ratio of a small barrel, spirits will extract the barrel's characteristics faster than a standard size barrel.

Make sure to check the liquid level every 15 - 20 days and top-off if needed. The angel's need their share and the wood will soak further so make sure the top part of the barrel does not dry out! It would be a good idea to keep an extra bottle of Moonshine around for this reason! During this time also check for the whiskey taste. If the whiskey has the characteristics you like then you want to stop the aging process. Just empty the barrel content into a glass container (bottle) but try not to let the barrel dry out. Either refill with more moonshine or add water after it has been boiled (to remove chlorine and other chemicals that city water contains). Do not leave your barrel unattended for over 3 months and do not age for more than 6 months!

Age spirits to your taste. Refer to our online book on barrel aging for more information and techniques go to <http://www.copperrundistillery.com/copper-run-distillery-barrel-club/>. Don't forget to register your barrel at <http://www.copperrundistillery.com/copper-run-distillery-barrel-club/>

If you have any further questions or concerns about your barrel, please call Copper Run Distillery for assistance at 417-587-3456 or e-mail us at [info@copperrundistillery.com](mailto:info@copperrundistillery.com).



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