

Home Heating Safety



Heating is the second leading cause of residential fires, and deaths.

Fires caused by heating are preventable.

Space Heaters

Space heaters need space.

- Unplug them when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.
- Keep curtains and other items that could burn at least three feet away.

Furnaces and Water Heaters

- Have your furnace regularly checked by a professional.
- Keep all materials (newspapers, boxes of decorations, rags, etc.) at least three feet from the furnace and water heater.

Wood Burning Fireplaces and Stoves

- Burn only seasoned, dry wood.
- Have your chimney frequently cleaned by a professional to help avoid a build-up of creosote. Creosote can catch fire inside the chimney.
- Never burn paper, Christmas trees or greenery, or other items in your fireplace.
- Make sure your fireplace has glass doors or a tight fitting screen to keep sparks from flying out.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms in your home.