

Fall Household Fire Safety Tips

- With the change of time you should have change the battery in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN YOUR RESIDENCE YOU GO OUT IMMEDIATELY AND GET THEM. THEY ARE IMPORTANT LIFE SAFETY DEVICES!!**
- Have heating units checked and cleaned
- Have chimney's inspected for cracks or missing mortar and have same repaired if needed
- Have chimney's cleaned by a certified person.
- Avoid kerosene heaters especially inside of a closed structure or space.
- Avoid any type of space heater. If you do use a space heater follow the following tips:
 - Keep heater at least 3 feet from all combustible surfaces.
 - Make sure the heater is UL rated.
 - Plug heater directly into a wall outlet and do not use extension cords.
 - Make sure it is placed some where people and pets cannot bump into it and get burned.
- Do not use your oven/stove as a way to heat your house. If needed contact your gas/electric company for assistance.
- Make sure you use your fire place carefully.
 - Make sure the flue is open prior to starting the fire.
 - Do not use accelerants in the fire.
 - Clean fire place out regularly.
 - Place ashes in a metal container and wet down well and wait several days to dispose of them. Do not place them in a plastic container or inside any structure.
- Outdoor fire pits, bowls, bon fires or chiminea's are prohibited by the State Fire Code and N.J. D.E.P.
- The burning of trash and leaves/brush is not allowed.
- If power goes out please use candles carefully – a better choice is flashlight/lanterns with batteries.
- If using candles:
 - Do not leave candles burning unattended.
 - Do not place candles near or on any combustible surface.
 - Do place them where they can be knocked over or bumped into.
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Always remember to Check-Test-Clean-Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!!!

For more fire safety tips please contact your local fire department, fire marshal, or the Burlington County Fire Marshal's Office.

Your family's safety is our #1 priority!!! Have a fire safe fall!!!

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