

# Remember to follow winter fire safety tips

Your local fire department would like to offer the following helpful safety suggestions for a safe winter season.

**Portable Heaters**  
Never leave portable electric heaters plugged in when no one is in the room or house. Never place portable heaters close to combustibles such as furniture, walls,

drapes etc. as these materials could catch fire. Heaters are not dryers or tables! Don't dry or store objects on top or in front of the heater.

**Solid Fuel Appliances**  
Inspect your chimney for creosote build-up and call in a qualified chimney sweep prior to using your fireplace.

Never build a fire in your fire-

place without having a screen or glass doors. When emptying the ashes always use a metal container, never plastic pails or paper bags.

Be sure to store ashes outdoors not in your garage as the ashes could start a fire if they are not properly stored. Burn only seasoned wood, never garbage or green wood, Christmas wrappings or painted

wood.  
**Smoke Alarms**  
Remember that a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire. Be sure to have one smoke alarm on each level of your home and ensure they are tested and cleaned regularly. Every member of your family should be prepared and practice the fire escape plan.

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