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FIRE SAFETY TIP - HEATERS

Fall is here! Colder weather is approaching and that means we want to keep warm. The heaters will begin firing up. According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than half of all heating equipment fires occur between December and February and are one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. Here are some seasonal tips to keep you, your family, and your property safe from devastating fires.



- Consider having your heating units professionally serviced & inspected annually
- Replace air filters: Clogged or dirty air filters can restrict airflow and create heat build up that can result in fires
- Make sure furnaces
- Keep all combustible materials at least 3 feet from heaters
- Limit the use of space heaters:
 - Never use extension cords with space heaters. Plug them directly into wall outlets
 - Never leave portable heaters unattended. Turn them off when you go to bed!
- Ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home
- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional
- Make sure fireplaces have a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from escaping. Let ashes and embers cool before removing and place in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Install carbon monoxide detectors throughout the home.
- IF YOU SMELL GAS, leave your home immediately and call 911 and your gas company.