

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE WINTER MONTHS!

Clean Out the Clutter!

- ◆ Clutter is flammable!
- ◆ It will get in your way if you try to escape in the event of a fire.
- ◆ As the season changes, safely pack away anything that you won't need this winter.

Don't burn leaves, brush or trash!

- ◆ Brush fires can get out of control very quickly!
- ◆ It is harmful to your health and the environment.
- ◆ Use it for your garden! Find tips online, including:
www.gardeners.com/Put-Fall-Leaves-to-Work/5402,default,pg.html

Be careful with candles!

- ◆ Buy flameless candles!
- ◆ Don't use open flames around children, pets, or flammable objects.
- ◆ Do not leave candles unattended.

Fireplaces

- ◆ Be sure to have your fireplace inspected before the first fire of the year.
- ◆ Be sure the damper is open before you light a fire.
- ◆ Always use a screen!
- ◆ Don't wear loose-fitting clothing around the fireplace
- ◆ Supervise your children! (Glass fireplace screens become hot enough to give a serious burn.)

Electric space heaters

- ◆ Make sure your space heater has been evaluated by UL labs.
- ◆ Make sure it has a feature that will turn off the heater if it falls over.
- ◆ Keep the space heater at least three feet away from anything that could catch fire.
- ◆ Never place anything on your space heater!