

FIRE SAFETY

Residential and commercial fires can be devastating, but with a little care and prevention, you can protect your family, home, business, and possessions.



Prevent Residential and Commercial Fires

Woodstoves:

- Install only UL approved stoves or fireplaces with clearances recommended by the manufacturer.
- Woodstoves need to be on their own separate flue.
- Clean and inspect all flues before the heating season.
- Burn only seasoned wood to reduce creosote buildup.
- Dispose of ashes in a non-combustible, metal container.
- Properly install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home.

Electrical:

- If you have an older home with fuses, replace with a circuit breaker panel as soon as possible and make sure that your existing wiring meets current electrical codes.
- Do not overload extension cords or join them together for length.
- Throw away any aging cords or electrical devices with broken or worn cords.

Cooking:

- Keep a tested ABC class fire extinguisher in the kitchen and any room with a heating device.
- Never leave cooking pans unattended, especially when cooking with oil.
- Never throw water on a grease/oil fire.

Commercial Cooking:

- Equipment should be cleaned/inspected by a professional cleaning company on a semi-annual basis.
- Class K Wet Chemical fire extinguishers are required and should be inspected and tagged annually.

Cigarettes and Candles:

- Never smoke in bed or when sleepy.
- Never burn candles in a closed area, near flammable materials, or leave unattended. Place on fire resistant surfaces.
- Trim candle wicks to prevent soot build up on ceilings and walls.