

NORTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NEWSLETTER



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READY FOR WILDFIRE

READY, SET, GO

Review your evacuation plan checklist.
Ensure your emergency supply kit is in your vehicle.
Cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers.
Locate your pets and livestock and take them with you.



Top Tips for Fire Safety

✓
Install [smoke alarms](#) on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

✓
Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries. Talk with all family members about a [fire escape plan](#) and practice the plan twice a year.

✓
If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.** Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

EMERGENCY

CALL

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FIRE
POLICE
MEDICAL
RESCUE

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Water your Christmas tree every day.

A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.

THANKSGIVING SAFETY



THE GREATEST NUMBER OF HOME-COOKING FIRES OCCUR ON THANKSGIVING.

TOP CAUSES OF HOME FIRES:



HEAT SOURCE TOO CLOSE TO FLAMMABLE MATERIALS



PRODUCT MISUSE (MOSTLY TURKEY FRYERS)

UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT



ACCIDENTALLY LEAVING COOKING EQUIPMENT ON



ABANDONED MATERIAL

SOURCE: NFPA

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

DID YOU KNOW?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year.

2 OUT OF 5

of these fires were started by a candle.



Use **battery-operated candles** or **glowsticks** in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use **long, fireplace-style matches** or a **utility lighter**.

Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.



Source: NFPA

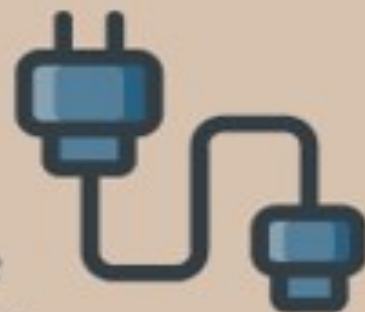
— PET FIRE SAFETY



Keep an emergency kit in a safe location for easy access in case your family needs to evacuate the home



Pet proof home for potential fire hazards such as stove knobs or loose electrical cords



Keep up-to-date identification and contact information on your pet at all times



Keep a rescue alert sticker visible for first responders



COOKING #1 CAUSE OF HOME FIRES

PUT A LID ON STOVETOP FIRES





CLOSE THE DOOR!

Forty years ago, you had over 17 minutes to escape a house fire. Because of synthetic materials in furniture and new construction materials, you now have under 3 minutes. A closed door holding back fire and smoke could be the difference between life and death.



Major appliances, like a refrigerator, stove, washer or dryer, should be plugged directly into a wall outlet.

Do not use an extension cord with major appliances.



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