

Monthly Fire Safety Tip for Multi-Family Housing

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Issue: Winter Safety — Tips for Colder Months



Along with keeping warm it is important to keep your family safe. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue offers you these tips to help during the colder month season!

Personal Safety:

- Check your smoke alarm to ensure it is in place and working!
- Never operate a barbecue or portable liquid fuel stove indoors! Unvented, these outdoor devices produce *DEADLY* carbon monoxide!

Electrical Safety:

- In the event of power outages, choose safe alternatives for lighting such as flashlights or battery-powered lanterns rather than candles or gas lanterns.

Fireplace Safety:

- Make sure the area around your fireplace is clear of combustibles, including clothing, decorations, furniture and magazines/papers.
- Have a safety screen or glass door in place to prevent embers from starting a fire and to prevent burns or injuries.
- Ashes can contain hot embers for up to a week. Dispose of all ashes safely by using a metal can and keeping them away from your home and decking. *Never* dispose of ashes in a paper bag, box, or other combustible container, such as a plastic garbage can or yard waste barrel.

General Safety:

- Keep all matches and lighters out of sight and reach from children.

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