

# Fall Fire Safety Tips

## **Home Heating Tips**

- Make sure your heating device and or systems are in good working order. Many things can go wrong with the heating equipment during the spring and summer months. If gas heating is used make sure to have carbon monoxide detectors placed throughout the house. It is important to keep a three foot clearance of combustibles around your space heater. It is also recommended to have a UL listed unit that is equipped with tip over shut off. Don't forget to turn the space heater off when leaving the house or going to bed.

## **Fireplace Safety Tips**

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure it is safe
- Repair any cracks in fireplace
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside fire place.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep a three foot clearance of combustibles away from fireplace.
- Natural gas units should be inspected every year.

## **Fire Safety Tips for Holiday Decorations**

- Do not use candles Halloween jack-o-lanterns. Flash lights are much safer.
- Make sure children's costumes are made with fire retardant materials.

- Verify that all holiday lights and extension cords have been tested by an organization such as Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratory (UL)

### **Outdoor Fall Fire Safety Tips**

- Clear your roof and gutters of build-up of leaves.
- Make sure to know the outdoor burn rules and obtain a permit with the Fire Marshal's office before burning any natural vegetation.