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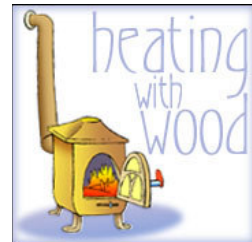


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WOOD BURNING STOVES

During this time of year, friends and family often gather around a fireplace or wood burning stove. Moments like these often create favorite memories. However, neglect and failure to observe precautions can create a danger for your home and family. A few simple precautions can insure a safe and pleasant wood-burning season.

- Never burn things that are rapidly combustible like wrapping paper, old bills and evergreens that can flare up, out of control, causing a flash fire.
- Never use flammable liquids such as kerosene or gasoline to start a fire in a wood stove. These liquids may explode causing serious injury.
- Keep flammable objects away from your wood burning stove.
- Store ashes in a metal container to let them cool. Hot ashes can be live for more than 24 hours. Dispose of them away from your home and remove them to the outdoors while waiting for them to cool.
- Check the chimney several times during the winter to be sure that it is clean and doesn't have a creosote buildup or any blockage that may cause a fire.



Also Remember....

- Keep at least one fire extinguisher in your home. Make sure that the extinguisher is in a handy location and that all household members know how to use it.
- Plan escape routes in case of fire. All family members should know two ways out of each room. Conduct fire drills in your home and have an outdoor meeting place for everyone after leaving the home.
- Teach children the dangers of being too close to the stove. Remind them not to play near the stove where they could get accidentally burned by touching the hot surface of the stove or chimney.



Happy New Year
from
JACKSON FIRE DISTRICT 3

