HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Exterior:
___ Ensure house number is visible from the street
___ Have trees trimmed away from electrical wires
___ Keep barbecue grill away from the house

Heating Equipment & Fireplace:
___ Avoid using space heaters
___ Replace furnace filters once a year
___ Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
___ Install a spark screen in front of fireplace
___ Have chimney cleaned and inspected annually
___ Dispose of ashes in a metal container outdoors
___ Keep clutter away from heating appliances

Electrical:
___ Avoid overloading electrical circuits
___ Inspect electrical cords & appliances for damage
___ Do not tack cords to the wall or run under rugs
___ Maintain airspace around
___ Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using extension cords
___ Install GFCI Outlets in damp locations

Fire Extinguishers:
___ Purchase multipurpose (ABC) extinguishers
___ Teach your family member how to use a fire extinguisher (P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
___ Inspect fire extinguishers annually

Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials:
___ Limit the amount of chemicals stored
___ Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
___ Store chemicals in original containers with tight lids and proper identification labels
___ Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
___ Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
___ Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids, never put into a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

Contact the Public Works Department to Inquire About
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
203-869-6910

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Cooking Safety:
____ Never leave cooking unattended
____ Turn pot handles inward to avoid burn injuries
____ Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove or appliances
____ Keep barbeques grill away from the house and empty charcoal ashes into metal container

Smoking Materials & Candles:
____ Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children
____ Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
____ Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
____ Never smoke in bed
____ Place candles in a sturdy holder, preferably one that protects the flame

Smoke Alarms:
____ Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom and on every level of your home
____ Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm on each level of your home
____ Test smoke/CO alarms once a month
____ Replace smoke/CO alarm batteries once a year
____ Replace smoke alarm unit every ten years

Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan:
____ Develop a home escape plan that includes:
  ▪ Crawl low under smoke
  ▪ Practice two ways out
  ▪ Plan a meeting place outside
  ▪ Don’t hesitate, move quickly
  ▪ Don’t try to save pets
  ▪ Once outside, stay outside
____ Practice your escape plan with every family member and houseguests
____ Teach all family members how to:
  Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency
  Stop, drop, and, roll if clothes catch fire

For more information call or visit the
Greenwich Fire Department
Office of the Fire Marshal
203-622-3950