



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Exterior:

- Ensure house number is visible from the street
- Have trees trimmed away from electrical wires
- Keep barbeque 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

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