

Fire Safety



A Message From Town Supervisor JOHN VENDITTO

Dear Resident,

Too often we hear of lives being lost in a tragic fire. It is a sobering reminder of the potential devastation of a house fire that underscores the importance of taking necessary precautions to help prevent one.

There is no better time than the present to address the subject of fire safety and prevention. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can quickly turn into a major fire. Even when lives are spared, fire still leaves families displaced and often destroys irreplaceable personal items.

Remember, fire is hot, dark, fast and deadly. Practicing fire safety can be a real life saver. Please review the included information and share it with family, friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

John Venditto

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Home Fire Safety: The Time to Practice is Now!

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE HOME SAFETY COUNCIL:

- Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home and have one outside each sleeping area.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month and change the batteries every time the clocks change.
- If fire should strike, stay calm and do not attempt to put the fire out yourself. Gather up your family, any pets and get out. In the event of thick smoke, drop to the floor and crawl.
- Do not re-enter the building.
- When cooking, keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach. Place them up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Never smoke in bed or empty ashtrays into waste baskets.
- Never store or operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- Give space heaters space and don't run them continuously.
- Check windows to make sure they can easily be opened.
- Have chimneys inspected annually and have them cleaned, as necessary, by a qualified professional chimney service technician.
- Discard fireplace ashes in a closed metal container and place it away from the house until the ashes have fully cooled.
- Use extreme caution when using candles; never leave them unattended and keep them away from children.

For more information about Fire Safety, please visit the following websites:

www.firepreventionweek.org
www.sparky.org
www.nfpa.org

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Develop a home fire escape plan today... It could save your life tonight!

- Have a plan for anyone who may need assistance in your home, such as young children, seniors and people with disabilities.
- Practice the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home twice a year.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Have a meeting place (something permanent like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows how to respond to the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street.



Fire Safety Awareness Can Save Your Life!



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