



DID YOU KNOW?

~ SIMPLE ACTIONS TO HELP PREVENT FIRES ~



In February
The cold continues — so does fire prevention



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Improperly cooled ashes are a common cause of fires during the winter months.

WHAT TO DO?

- Place ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid
- Store the container outdoors, away from buildings
- Wait at least 7 days before disposing of ashes
- Never use plastic, cardboard, or wooden containers



DID YOU KNOW?

Carbon monoxide alarms are essential during periods of extreme cold.

WHAT TO DO?

- Install a carbon monoxide alarm near sleeping areas
- Test the alarm monthly
- Replace batteries as required
- Never disable or remove the alarm

**** Carbon monoxide is colourless, odourless, and extremely dangerous. Without an alarm, it cannot be detected. ****



DID YOU KNOW?

Poor maintenance of heating equipment can lead to a fire.

WHAT TO DO?

- Have heating equipment inspected and maintained annually
- Keep heating appliances clean and unobstructed
- Maintain required clearances from combustible materials
- Hire a qualified professional

ESSENTIAL RESIDENTIAL FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

- **Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms**
- **Test alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed**
- **Never leave cooking unattended**
- **Keep heating appliances clear and well maintained**
- **Store ashes in a metal container outdoors**
- **Do not overload electrical outlets**
- **Keep exits and hallways clear at all times**
- **Have a family evacuation plan and practise it**



Questions ?

Need more information ?

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