



## DID YOU KNOW?

~ SIMPLE ACTIONS TO HELP PREVENT FIRES ~



In February

The cold continues — so does fire prevention



### DID YOU KNOW?

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 ?

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