

Cherry Hill Fire Department

Winter 2017

GET AHEAD OF THE WINTER FREEZE—HOME HEATING SAFETY

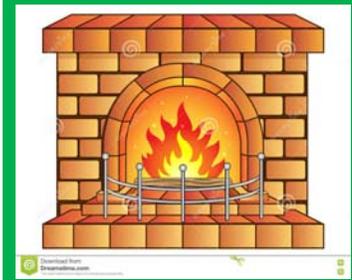
FACT: Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening:

- Keep anything that can burn *at least three feet* away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “*kid-free-zone*” around open fires and space heaters.
- **Never** use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember *to turn portable heaters off* when leaving the room, or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes *should be cool* before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Carbon Monoxide is a potentially lethal, colorless and odorless gas produced by flaming combustion. Any fuel burning device within your home is capable of producing carbon monoxide. For this reason, please make sure that you have at least one working carbon monoxide alarm installed within your home.

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together, but that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season. Here’s what you need to know:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are *flame resistant or flame retardant*.
- *Keep lit candles* away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Keep children and pets away from *lit candles*.
- **Stay** in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Keep your Christmas tree **watered!!**



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER:

Sprinklers/Irrigation Systems: Make sure the systems are fully turned off and drained.

Home's Freezing Points: Check your pipes in areas of your home that might be prone to freezing: crawl spaces, unheated rooms/garages, basements and exterior walls.

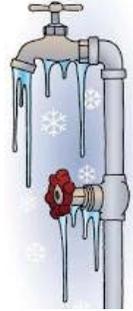
Water Shut-Off Valve: Know where your main water shut-off valve is located and hang an ID tag on it for easy location during an emergency.

Cold Air Sources: Check for sources of cold air near water lines and close off crawl spaces; fix drafty windows, insulate walls and attics and plug drafts around doors.

Pipes: Pipes that are exposed to cold should be wrapped with insulation or heat tape (fabric or newspapers will work, too). If pipes run through cabinets/vanities, open the doors to let in some warm air.

Frozen Pipes: Shut off valve immediately. Melt frozen water in pipes by warming the air surrounding it. **Do not** leave space heaters unattended. **Never** use an open flame to thaw pipes. Once thawed, *slowly* turn water back on and check for cracks or leaks.

Water: During long cold snaps, keep water moving in your pipes by allowing water to trickle out of your faucets.



SNOW COVERED FIRE HYDRANTS:

If you have a fire hydrant located on or near your property, please help Firefighters by adopting the hydrant during a snow storm and clear all accumulated snow from surrounding it.



Not Adopted



Adopted

EVENTS:

CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK — Deer Park Fire Station — 985 Cropwell Road — Cherry Hill, NJ **9:00 AM** on the following dates

- Friday, January 12, 2018
- Friday, February 9, 2018
- Friday, March 9, 2018

