

ANDY ONCALL® Newsletter



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Fall Fire Safety Tips

As summer turns to fall, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

General Safety:

- Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time.
- Also, verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

Home Heating:

- Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season. Making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months.

Family Fire Safety:

- Teach your kids how to respond in the event of a fire.
- Make sure young children know how to dial 911.
- Establish and practice a fire escape plan with your family that includes a designated meeting area outside the home.
- Practice stop, drop and roll with your children so they learn how to escape beneath a fire.
- Teach everyone in your family multiple ways to escape from every room in the event of a fire.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use a fire extinguisher.

There is nothing more important than the safety of your family. Everyone in your home needs to know how to behave responsibly to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a fire. However, because fires can start at any time without warning, it is also very important that the members of your household know how to react in the event of a fire. It's a good idea to review fire prevention and safety tips with your family every fall, and several other times throughout the year.

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ANDY's Helpful Tips!

Fall Home Maintenance Reminders:

Once fall season hits on the calendar, everyone tends to breathe a sigh of relief as energy costs go back down to normal levels. However, there are some energy saving tips you can follow to prepare your home for winter, and continue saving money on electricity and natural gas in the process.

- Use caulk & weather-stripping to seal any leaks around windows and doorways.
- Clean gutters and downspouts frequently throughout fall to prevent build up of leaves and other debris. Neglected gutters can lead to wood rot problems and pest infestations, not to mention ruined gutters.
- Evaluate insulation within your home and replace if necessary.
- Call a professional to inspect and clean your chimney. Fireplaces that are regularly used during the season should have an annual cleaning to prevent dangerous chimney fires.
- Consider having a heating professional check your heating system to ensure optimal performance and discover minor problems before they turn into costly major repairs.

Don't have the time or you are unsure how to maintain and perform the proper repairs and/or maintenance? Call **ANDY ONCALL®**!



Energy Efficiency



The fall season is the start of cooler weather and one of the most beautiful times of the year. Here are a few tips to remember in order to keep your home energy efficient as you transition to cooler temps and fewer daylight hours.

- Wrap your water heater with an insulated blanket to reduce heating loss and save money on your energy bill.
- Check your water heater temperature. For energy efficiency and child safety, set it no higher than 120°F.
- Install a programmable thermostat that allows you to pre-set the temperature for different times of the day and week. By setting the thermostat lower at night and during times when no one is home, you can conserve energy.
- Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
- Place a sheet of aluminum foil between the radiator and the wall to reflect heat back into the room.
- Make sure your furniture is not blocking any heating vents or radiators.
- Use indoor appliance timers to turn lamps on and off. This saves electricity while giving your home a "lived-in" look while you are out.
- Use the self-cleaning cycle of your oven right after you finish baking. That will give it a head start in heating up.

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