

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

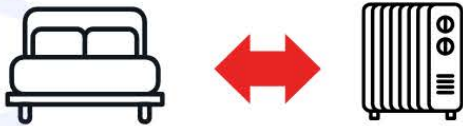
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'Tis the season for WINTER FIRE SAFETY

TIPSHEET

Use the **3 foot rule** between space heaters, furnaces, and fireplaces



Colder weather increases the potential for carbon monoxide exposure.

To prevent illness and possibly death from CO:

Have a certified technician inspect all heating related equipment, kitchen appliances, and vent pipes

Purchase and install a CO alarm that has a 10 year sealed battery

TREE SAFETY

A dry Christmas tree can burn **very hot** and **very fast!**

Do not place your tree next to vents or a heat source such as a fire place. These factors will dry out your tree faster.

We recommend keeping your tree stand filled with water.

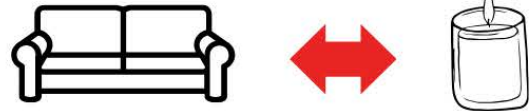


DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE

Never place tree branches or needles in the fireplace or wood burning stove

Burning a tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn



Consider using battery operated flameless candles

Place candles where they cannot be knocked over

Never leave a the house with a burning candle lit

Never use candles for emergency lighting.

Use flashlights and stock up on extra batteries



Never overload outlets and read manufacturers instructions on number of light strands to connect
Use surge protectors and consider unplugging appliances.

Inspect holiday lights strands that are frayed or pinched before you put them up

Turn off all your holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.



IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?

- Check tire tread
- Blanket
- Food/ Water
- Jumper Cables
- Car fluid check
- Winter survival kit (i.e. cat litter or absorbent)
- Flashlight

DID YOU KNOW

81% Space heaters are the culprit of home heating fires

1 in 5 Home fire deaths are caused by heat related sources

