

# West Haven Fire Services

## Fire Safety Checklist



### Heating Equipment

- Keep electric space heaters at least 3 feet from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters once a year
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- Have your chimney and furnace inspected and cleaned annually**
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater/furnace



### Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the walls or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment such as TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built in circuit breaker



### Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly.
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight fitting lids and correct identification labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite.



**DO NOT STORE PROPANE or GASOLINE  
INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**

Store in detached garage or shed or on deck

### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended**
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles
- Never store combustibles in oven or on stove top
- When barbecuing, move unit away from house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

### Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended**
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed**
- We recommend against the use of candles
- If you must use candles, place them in sturdy holders

### Smoke and CO Detectors

- Install SMOKE & CO detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home**
- Test smoke, CO detectors once a month (use a broom handle to reach)
- Replace smoke, CO detector batteries twice a year(replace when changing time on clocks-Spring and Fall)**
- Replace smoke, CO detector units every ten years

### Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.-Pull the pin , Aim, Squeeze, Sweep )

### Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes
  - Crawling low under smoke
  - Two exits out of every room
  - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member**
- Teach all family members how to:
  - Dial 911 in an emergency
  - Stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire

**The use of a kerosene heater within the City of West Haven is prohibited by Ordinance**