



WINTER CHECKLIST

Winter: A good time to remember your home can be the source of a fire as well as the victim of one. As it is also a cooler period, winter is the season to do projects that may require the use of power tools.

INSIDE

- Keep anything combustible at least 3 feet away from fireplaces and other sources of home heat.
- Set reminders on your phone to blow out candles when you leave the house and before you go to bed.
- Never use extension cords or power strips to plug in portable heaters.
- Be sure your fireplace has a secure glass or metal screen to keep embers in.
- Don't leave portable heaters unattended; turn them off while away and overnight.

OUTSIDE

- Inspect your roof, the most fire-vulnerable part of your home, for gaps and missing shingles.
- Inspect your siding, repairing any gaps where embers could get in.
- If you haven't done so before, box in roof overhangs with flat under-boards to deter embers.
- Review and practice your home evacuation plan.
- Clear 10 feet of defensible space on both sides of entrance roads and driveways.