

HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

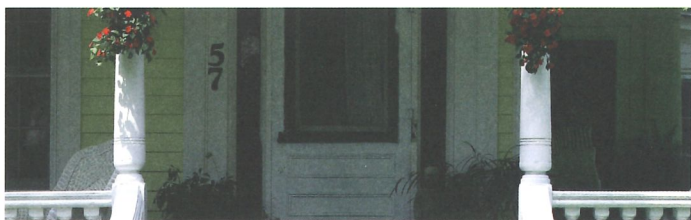
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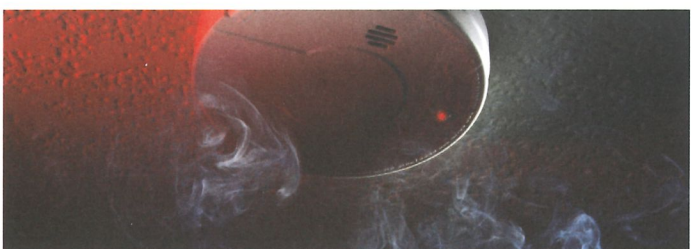
Exterior

- Ensure home address numbers are a minimum of 4 inches tall and clearly visible from the street
- For homes located more than 50 feet from the street, post address numbers at the driveway entrance
- Trim trees away from overhead electrical wires and chimney (see Resource List)
- Remove leaves/debris from roof, eaves and gutters



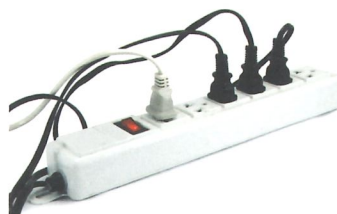
Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- Install smoke alarms *inside each bedroom, outside sleeping area (hallway) and on every level of the home*
- Install CO alarms in a central location outside sleeping area and on every level of the home
- Test smoke and CO alarms once a month; use a broom handle to reach ceiling mounted units
- Units with removable batteries, replace battery once a year (Use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder)
- Install adaptive smoke and CO alarms for occupants with special needs (see Resource List)
- Replace smoke and CO alarm units every 10 years (or earlier if recommended by the manufacturer) and dispose of properly (see Resource List)



Electrical

- Do not overload electrical outlets; additional outlets should be installed by a qualified electrician
- Purchase and use extension cords with the surge protector safety feature (pictured below)
- Inspect electrical cords for damage; electrical cords should never be frayed, cracked, pinned to the wall or placed under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment (TV, DVD, etc.)
- Kitchen and bathroom outlets that are near countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water should have a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter outlet (GFCI outlet pictured below)
- If there are young children in the home, install tamper-resistant outlets or outlet safety covers (see Resource List)



Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from space heaters and fireplace
- Ensure space heaters are equipped with an automatic shut-off function
- Do not use propane heaters inside the home or use the oven to heat the home
- Replace furnace filters annually
- Keep clutter and other combustibles away from the water heater and furnace
- Remove lint from clothes dryer after each cycle and clean exhaust duct (flexible tube) annually
- Install a spark arrester on chimney and have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually