

## Holiday Season Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms/co detectors monthly
- Keep lit candles away from children and pets
- Keep in a locked cabinet all matches and lighters
- Never leave kitchen unattended when cooking
- Never allow smoking inside the home
- Keep an outside bucket with sand for smokers to discard cigarette butts into
- Never let visitors drink & drive. Call them a taxi or have them stay.

## Candles

### Do's

- Snuff candles when leaving the room or going to sleep
- Put candles in an upright position
- Place candles in a heatproof, non-flammable surface free from tipping over
- Keep the wax pool free of wick trimmings, matches and debris
- Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents, ceiling fans and moving air currents
- Keep candles in sight at all times

### Don'ts

- Move a lit candle extinguished
- Place lit candles near flammable objects
- Snuff out candles with water
- Leave lit candles in a room with children or pets
- Use a candle for light when fuelling gas equipment
- Use candles as a night light, or unattended

## Elderly & Neighbors

- Check-in regularly on elderly and neighbors before and after a storm
- See that they have adequate heat and healthy food
- Reach out to them don't wait for them to ask; Shovel their walk-ways

## Important Numbers

To Report a Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

Fire Department Headquarters: 508-324-2743

Business Office Fax: 508-672-5993

Fire Prevention Bureau: 508-324-2740

Fire Prevention Bureau Fax: 508-324-2699

City Fire Marshal: 508-324-2740

Office of the Fire Chief: 508-324-2740

Administrative Assistant( Fire Chief): 508-324-2743

Report repairs to sprinkler systems and box circuits:  
508-675-7411

Business Office of the Emergency Medical Services  
Division: 508-324-2744

## Station Locations

The Fall River Fire Department consists of six (6) engine companies, three (3) ladder companies with a total manpower compliment of 164 personnel operating out of six (6) fire stations, 31 on duty per shift.

**Globe/Kosior Fire Station** - 659 Globe Street  
Engine 5, Car 3, medical Rescue 3

**Candeias Fire Station** - 1010 Plymouth Avenue  
Engine 4, Ladder 2

**Flint Reney/Eastwood Fire Station** - 400 Eastern Avenue  
Engine 9, Ladder 4, Medical .Rescue 2

**Central Fire Station** -165 Bedford Street  
Engine 2, Rescue 1, Car 2., Medical Rescue 4

**Stanley Street Fire Station** - 229 Stanley Street  
Engine 12, Platform 1

**North End Fire Station** - 140 Commerce Drive  
Engine 6, Medical Rescue 5



## City of Fall River Winter Fire Safety Guide

This guide is to help our citizens of Fall River stay safe and warm this winter.

## Fire Hydrants

The City of Fall River maintains approximately 2155 hydrants city-wide. All City of Fall River property owners, lessees, and renters please assist us by clearing away snow from any fire hydrants in front of your buildings when covered in snow. Emergency services will often work to remove any accumulated snow at hydrants in their response areas. Please assist us by shoveling the accumulated snow and clearing a way to the hydrant. Interruptions in fire services finding hydrants and getting water on a fire will endanger the lives of both firefighters and civilians.

**Clear Snow Away from Fire Hydrants** – An easily reachable and properly operational fire hydrant plays a critical role of any firefighting job especially in an emergency. Please avoid piling snow on or around fire hydrants specifically during substantial snow falls. Take-on adopting the closest fire hydrant by shoveling the snow from around it.



### Fall River Fire Department

140 Commerce Drive  
Fall River, Ma 02720  
508.324.2743

# Heating

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## Electric Blankets

### Do's

Replace blankets more than 10 years old  
Replace blanket if it has broken, or worn cords or scorch marks.  
Turn off blanket before going to bed  
Use only approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark  
Use blankets with an automatic safety shut-off

### Don'ts

Buy second-hand blankets they may not be safe  
Place extra blankets or comforters on top of an electric blanket while on  
Push-in blanket at the sides of the bed

## Fireplaces

### Do's

Cool ashes in a sealed metal container  
Inspect regularly for cracks and problems  
Keep damper open when hot ashes in fireplace

### Don'ts

Allow creosote build-up in chimney  
Burn charcoal in your fireplace. "Think carbon monoxide"  
Put large amounts of paper or wood in fireplace

## Furnaces

### Do's

Inspect the furnace by a professional yearly prior to turning on  
Inspect the condition of automatic controls and emergency shutoffs  
Inspect chimney for cracks or loose bricks

### Don'ts

Keep trash and combustibles around furnace

## Kerosene Heaters (M.G.L. c. 148, §§ 25B)

### Do's (Construction Purposes Only)

Buy only a kerosene heater that has an automatic shut-off  
Replace and clean wicks yearly

### Don'ts

Keep kerosene or other ignitable liquids indoors  
Overfill the heater  
Refill "hot" heater indoors

## Space Heaters

### Do's

Keep people and pets at a minimum 3' away  
Use space heater with automatic shut-off switch, and cut-off

### Don'ts

Leave on when room is unattended or sleeping  
Use an extension cord that is approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark.

## Wood Stoves

### Do's

Inspect and clean yearly by a professional  
Place wood stove 3 feet from anything that can burn  
Put the fire out before going to sleep or leaving your residence

### Don'ts

Burn paper, branches and/or trash in your wood stove.

# Holiday Trees & Decorations

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## Live Indoor Decorations

- Place in water and keep them away from heat sources
- Dispose of tree when dry
- Use only "flame resistant" or "fire retardant" on artificial decorations

## Artificial Trees

- Buy only trees labeled as fire-retardant
- Don't overload electrical sockets with tree lights
- Place tree away from heat sources, lit candles or other flaming devices

## Real Trees

- Buy a fresh tree. Needles should be green and hard.
- Cut 1" off the bottom of the trunk and directly place into a stand with water
- Check the water level daily
- Place the tree away from heat sources, lighted candles or other flaming devices
- Use decorations labeled flame resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Unplug the lights when out of the room and before going to sleep
- Dispose of tree when needles start to fall off

# Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

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Perform a monthly test on all home detectors. This can be done by pressing the test button on the unit. For battery operated detectors, replace battery seasonally. Install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your residence and within 10 feet of all bedrooms.

## Carbon Monoxide

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Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas.

### Do's

Install one on each floor of your home  
Clear all snow build-up from vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace  
Run generator outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings  
Use gas/charcoal grills outdoors

### Don'ts

Pre-warm a vehicle indoors  
Use gas-powered engines indoors, near doors or windows

# Fire Extinguishers Types

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"Class A" fire is a wood or paper fire

"Class B" fire is flammable liquids

"Class C" fire is an electrical fire

"Class D" fire is a flammable metals fire

"Class K" fire is a cooking oil fire



Extinguishers come in a variety of sizes Consult your fire department for a recommendation for your residence.

## How to Use

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- **P** Pull the pin
- **A** Aim at the base of the fire
- **S** Squeeze the lever fully
- **S** Sweep the nozzle back and forth