

Message from the APFD

Summer is here which means outside activities more often.

Here are some tips to remember to help ensure a safe and fun summer for all.

- Common household safety practices to remember with warmer weather usually means air-conditioners are likely to be used to help keep you and your family cool. If you do have an air conditioner or plan to use a portable AC or window AC unit. Remember to make sure that the receptacle, wiring and breaker are capable of running the AC unit you plan to use for the size of the room you're trying to cool. If you are not sure about any of this then you should consult with a professional for more information to ensure safe operations of any Air Conditioner.
- Extension cords and adapters are not recommended for this purpose however, if you choose to use an extension cord you must use an extension cord rated for the appliance you're using it for. Never run extension cords under or through doorways, under carpeting, or in any way that would cause the extension cord or the outer insulation protecting the wires to become worn, pinched or cut and damaged which will result in it becoming a fire hazard. Not to mention potential tripping Hazards of extension cords.
- Outside cooking appliances such as Natural Gas, Propane, Charcoal Grills. Wood burning or any means to cook outside should never be used within 5 to 15 feet of any Residence or near any combustible material such as wooden deck railings, vinyl siding, under awnings, lean to's, portable tents, gazebos low lying tree limbs, etc.
- Flammable liquids or Gases. Never store any flammable liquids or gases inside your residence. Flammable liquids or gases should only be housed or stored in containers designed and labeled for such storage. They should never be left in direct sunlight and it is recommended to be stored in a cool and dry environment.
- Fire Pits/ Chiminea's Must have a chimney or screen and a means for ember control. You must have a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher readily available and within sight of any outdoor fire pit or chiminea for extinguishment. They are to never be left unattended at any time and must have an adult of 18 years of age or older present at all times while burning. You must extinguish any recreational burn completely when you are finished with it or plan to leave site of it. You are never to use any accelerants to ignite the fire. You may not burn any trash, leaves, building materials, or anything other than clean seasoned dried firewood from trees or materials such as starter logs designed for such activities.
- With these tips you can help ensure a safe, fun and happy summer for all More Tips to come in the fall. Thanks