



Spring Fire Safety Checklist



Use this checklist to determine if you and your home are fire safe. Every unchecked box points to a fire hazard. Contact the West Bloomfield Fire Department if you have any questions about fire safety.

Yard & Garage Fire Safety

- Yards are cleared of leaves, debris and combustible rubbish
- Gasoline for use in power equipment is stored in a tightly sealed metal safety type can with self-closing caps
- Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight fitting door which is kept closed
- Have a fire extinguisher in your garage
- Barbeque grill is safely located away from home, tall vegetation, windows, ventilation units and not under decks or overhangs

Housekeeping Fire Safety

- Basements, closets and attics are cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other combustibles
- Oily rags or polishing cloths are placed in covered metal containers
- Paint & varnish are stored in tightly sealed containers away from sources of heat
- Matches are kept out of reach of children
- Cleaning products are in original labeled containers

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are checked and kept clean
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed at least every 6 months
- Smoke alarms are installed on every floor & outside of all bedrooms

Kitchen Fire Safety

- Short or tight fitting sleeves are worn during cooking as loose sleeves could catch fire easily
- A tight fitting lid is kept nearby so it can be used to cover a pot if it ignites
- No food is left unattended while cooking
- Paper and cloth materials are kept away from heat sources
- Pot handles are turned inward to prevent them from getting bumped or grabbed by children
- Children are never held while an adult is cooking
- Exhaust filters are checked for dirt and grease build up regularly.
- Microwave safe dishes are always used in the microwave & metal is never used
- Grease & food are cleaned off of the stove or oven after every use
- Have a fire extinguisher in Kitchen

General Fire Safety

- Have a fire extinguisher on each floor of your home, including garage
- Outlets and electrical cords have been checked to make sure they are safe
- Have an emergency exit plan and a predetermined meeting place
- Have held a home fire drill



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