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Summer has come and gone, and now cooler temperatures are making their way back. The fall and winter seasons are a time to decorate the outside of our homes to look nice for the impending holidays. It is still important to do a fire safety assessment of your home for the upcoming seasons. Here are some helpful tips for the seasons:

Exterior of Home:

Use appropriate rated exterior extension cords when hanging holiday lights. Be careful not to drive a staple or nail through the cords when hanging the lights.

Keep any open flame away from decorations that are attached to your home

If using a firepit, use only seasoned firewood. A firepit should have some sort of extinguishment device nearby (i.e., fire extinguisher/ garden hose). Use an approved type of firepit. 55-gallon drums or open burning is not permitted.

In the winter, keep a path clear to your residence in case of emergency. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your residence, keep a three (3) foot diameter area open around the hydrant in case of emergency.

Smoke Alarms:

Smoke alarms should still be tested monthly.

If you have battery operated smoke detectors, it would be a good time to change the batteries. Newer style smoke detectors are good for ten (10) years and require no maintenance once installed.

Hardwired smoke detectors also contain a battery backup in case of power failure. Be sure to check the batteries in those detectors also.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

Carbon Monoxide alarms should be tested monthly.

Check your carbon monoxide alarms. Replace as needed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

If you do have battery carbon monoxide detectors, it is good to change the batteries twice per year, same as smoke detector batteries



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Home Planning:

It is a good time to change the filters in your HVAC systems. It is also a good time to have a tune up or preventative maintenance of your heater to assure it is working properly.

In the event of a power outage and a generator must be used, keep the generator away from the home.

DO NOT run a generator inside of your home or garage. The exhaust could emit carbon monoxide throughout the residence

When setting up holiday decorations on the interior, do not run extension cords under area rugs or furniture. Do not overload outlets.

If using a space heater, keep a minimum of three (3) feet around the heater clear from combustibles. **DO NOT** plug a space heater into a surge protector. Plug a space heater directly into an outlet.