

TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY.....

Kitchen safety:

Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clean and uncluttered. Don't cook when you're drowsy.

Space Heaters:

Keep all space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

Smoking materials:

Use large, non-tip ashtrays. Soak butts and ashes before dumping them into a wastebasket. Never smoke when you're sleepy. Never smoke in bed.

Matches and lighters:

Store matches and lighters locked up high and away from children.

Electricity:

Keep electrical cords out of traffic areas and don't risk breaking the wires by pinching them behind furniture or stretching them tightly around corners. When using electrical cords, do not coil them or run them under carpets.

Candles:

Keep candles away from anything that can burn and put them out when you leave the room or go to sleep. Use a stable non-combustible candle holder.

Plan your escape:

Make a home fire escape plan and hold regular fire drills at least twice a year so everyone in your household knows what to do in a fire emergency. Have a designated meeting place outside of the structure.

Crawl under smoke:

If you have to escape a fire through smoke, crawl low on your hands and knees, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor, where the air is cleaner.

Installing smoke alarms:

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and near or inside all sleeping areas. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the alarm.

Testing your alarms:

Test alarms once a month, and replace their batteries at least once a year, or when an alarm "chirps" to tell you that the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.

BE SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS....

Decorative Lights:

Use lights that have a label from an independent testing lab. Discard sets of lights with cracked or frayed cords or damaged sockets. NEVER overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.

Be sure cords aren't pinched behind or under furniture, and UNPLUG all decorative lights before leaving the house or going to bed!

Candles:

Put candles securely in non-tip candle holders, and keep well away from Christmas trees, decorations, curtains, & other combustibles.

NEVER put candles in windows or near exits.

NEVER leave candles burning unattended or within reach of small children, and blow them out before you leave the room or go to sleep!

Christmas Trees:

Cut your own or buy a fresh one that's not shedding its needles. Cut the trunk at an angle and put it in a large, deep non-tip stand well away from fireplaces, exits, & heat sources.

Be sure your tree gets a constant supply of water – check the level daily! If it dries out, remove it promptly and store it away from your home until you can dispose of it. If you use an artificial tree, be sure it's flame-retardant.

Fireplaces:

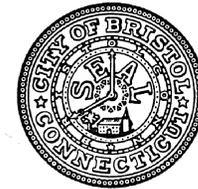
KEEP fireplace fires SMALL, & use a fireplace screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. DON'T leave children alone in a room with a fireplace fire. NEVER burn trash or paper in a fireplace; burning paper can float up your chimney and onto your roof or yard. Remove ashes in a METAL container and don't store ashes indoors!

Party Safety:

Use flame-retardant or non-combustible materials for costumes & decorations. Provide smokers with large, deep, non-tip ashtrays, and keep an eye on anyone who is smoking and drinking. Empty ashtrays often – wet their contents before dumping them! After the party, check cushions and furniture for smoldering cigarette butts.

Supervise children & keep them away from matches, lighters, and candles. Store matches & lighters up high in a locked cabinet.

Bristol Fire Marshal's Office



Home Heating Appliances Do's and Don'ts Fire Safety Tips

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OBJECTIVE

To educate the reader regarding the different types of appliances, the regulations pertaining to them, fire safety, and the Do's and Don'ts for the safe heating of your home.

SPACE HEATERS – Sec. 7-6.

In accordance with **Bristol Code of Ordinance**; no person shall use or allow to be used, a space heater in any building used in whole or in part as a place of human habitation.

As used in this section, “space heater” means a heating appliance with or without flue connection, which uses **oil fuel**, and it utilized principally for the heating of the space in and adjacent to that in which such appliance is located. Such term includes any room heater known also as a parlor heater or cabinet heater, oil stove, portable kerosene heater and any similar heater, but does not include combination kitchen ranges or conversion range oil burners designed for installation in kitchen range.

LIQUID PROPANE GAS HEATERS:

Unvented Portable:

No permit required. **Appliances must be listed and labeled for indoor use.** Follow the manufacturer's operational instructions explicitly.

Vented:

A permit and inspection is required from the Building Department. Appliances must be listed and labeled. Follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.

ELECTRIC HEATERS:

These heating appliances come in a variety of shapes, sizes and different wattages. No permit is required. The operational instructions must be followed explicitly. The household fixed electrical wiring must be able to handle the electrical load of the heater. **Do not** use extension cords. Check appliance wiring for frays and cuts. **Do not** use the heating appliance if the wiring is not perfect. Replace the appliance or get the wiring fixed by a competent individual.

WOOD STOVES:

A permit and inspection is required from the Building Department. Appliances must be listed and labeled. Follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.

PELLET STOVES:

A permit and inspection is required from the Building Department. Appliances must be listed and labeled. Follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.

COAL STOVES:

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FOR ANY EMERGENCY – CALL 911

DO'S

1. Do follow all regulations that come with the heater.
2. Do install additional smoke detectors where the heating appliances are located.
3. Do practice exit drills in the home.
4. Do have your central heating appliances checked and cleaned annually.
5. Do install a carbon monoxide detector.
6. Do turn off portable heating appliances when not at home.
7. Do place space heaters away from children and pets.
8. Do call 911 if you experience symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (red lips, headaches, etc.)
9. Do sound the alarm if fire occurs. Get out and stay out! Call 911 from outside; at a neighbor's house or use your cell phone. Do not go back into the structure.

DON'TS

1. Don't place any combustibles within 3 feet of any heater.
2. Don't use your kitchen cooking range for heating.
3. Don't use outdoor cooking appliances inside.
4. Don't allow children to play with any heating device.
5. Don't heat with candles.
6. Don't leave candles unattended.
7. Don't leave operating heating appliances unattended.
8. Don't put ashes in combustible containers.