



Fire Safety Tips

The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company is committed to the safety of the members of our community. The fire company will be presenting fire safety/fire prevention information in this newsletter to assist the community in that regard. Here are basic tips that residents should consider and discuss with their families.

You are urged to prepare for an emergency now, it is too late to prepare during an actual emergency. The following information is a guide to help you and your family prepare for the unexpected and take steps to avoid an incident that could have catastrophic consequences. Please take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of your family.

- Your house numbers should be readily visible (reflective numbers are best). Precious moments can be lost if emergency responders have to search for your residence.*
- Smoke detectors should be placed on every floor of the residence and tested monthly; batteries should be changed yearly.*
- Have fire extinguishers readily accessible especially in the kitchen and garage areas of your home. Check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers and make sure they are in working order.*
- Have a fire evacuation plan. Make sure all family members are familiar with the plan and practice. Ensure the youngest members of the family know what to do. As children become older have them utilize alternate escape routes in case the original route is blocked by fire or smoke.*
- Establish a rally point at a neighbor's home (porch, tree, driveway) so you can account for your family members after an evacuation.*
- Once you evacuate the house do NOT go back in for personal belongings or pets.*
- Children should know their address and how to call 911 in case of an emergency.*
- During a power failure utilize flashlights in lieu of candles. Never go to sleep while a candle is burning and never leave a burning candle unattended.*
- Never store gasoline or other flammable liquids in the home. This includes gasoline powered devices like lawn mowers and minibikes. The fumes from gasoline can easily be ignited by the pilot lights of your stove, hot water heater, furnace or any other hot objects.*
- If you have a fire hydrant on your property keep it clear of bushes, brush or objects that would block or hinder the use of that hydrant. In the winter, take a moment to clear snow from the hydrant to ensure easy access.*

Help us help you!

**Be prepared and take the necessary steps to prevent
an emergency in your home!**

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