



Tipp City Fire Department

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General Safety Tips

Electrical Safety Tips:

- Inspect Electrical cords & plugs regularly, discard them if they are worn or frayed.
 - Never pull the cord to remove the plug from a socket; this can wear the cord and increase the risk of a short circuit and a fire; can also create a shock hazard.
 - Eliminate octopus connections; plugging multiple cords into a single socket can overload the circuit
 - Never break off the third prong on a plug-always replace two pronged sockets with three pronged sockets.
 - Never use extension cords as permanent wiring.
 - Never lay electrical cords under carpet.
 - Always keep electrical cords away from sources of heat and water.
 - Always use safety plugs in unused outlets to protect children.
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Grilling Safety Tips:

- Keep barbecue grills far away from anything that can burn. Stay with the grill when lighted, and keep children and pet well away from the area. When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and oven mitt that fits high up over your forearm.
 - Barbecue grills must never be used inside the home because of the fire hazard and the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - For charcoal grills, only use starter fluids (**NEVER GASOLINE**) designed for barbecue grills. Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. Don't ever add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire, as flash fires can result. Always soak the coals with water before discarding them and leave grill away from the house until completely cooled.
 - For gas grills, always store gas cylinder away from structures and turn off valves when not in use. Check for leaks in connections and hoses with soapy water solution that will show bubbles if gas escapes.
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Fire Prevention in the Home

- Keep matches, gasoline, lighters, and all other flammable materials locked away and out of reach.
- Install smoke detectors in your home on every level and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month, replace the batteries at least once a year (unless the batteries are designed for longer life) and replace detectors every ten years.
- For the best protection against different types of fires, consider installing both ionization detectors, better at sensing flaming fires, and photoelectric detectors, better at sensing slow, smoky fires.
- Plan and practice escape routes from the home and identify an outside meeting place. Children may become frightened and confused in a fire and hide rather than escape to safety.