

Spring Has Sprung – Fire Safety Tips for the Warmer Months



While spring cleaning allows you to get your home in order, you should also focus on tasks that improve your home's safety. Fires can occur when you least expect them, but you can prevent them by following these safety guidelines for your spring-cleaning routine:

- Check and clean your smoke alarm.
- Check and clean your carbon monoxide alarm.
- Check your fire extinguisher.
- Make sure electrical outlets and extension cords are not overloaded.
- Have air conditioning units and other electrical appliances checked by a licensed professional.
- Clear your basement and attics from old papers, oily rags, and broken furniture.
- Make sure all fire exits or escape routes that are identified in your fire escape drill are clear of any debris and are not blocked-off.
- Inspect your charcoal/gas grills.
- Spread mulch at least a foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock.
- Finally, when you are finished spring cleaning make sure all cleaning products are stored in child-safety latched drawers and cabinets with the original labels