

January

Tip of The Month



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Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management

Winter Fire Safety

Winter residential fires result in an estimated average of **945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1,708,000,000** in property loss each year in the US. Winter fires can be prevented! The following safety tips, from two of the leading causes of fire, can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter season.



Candle Safety

Because the majority of candle fires result from human error and negligence, candle

fires and their associated casualties are preventable.

- If possible, avoid using lighted candles.
- If you must use candles, ensure that they are placed in sturdy holders.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Be sure to extinguish candles after each use.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

Power Outage Fire Safety

During our last major power outage, numerous house fires occurred in Kitsap County because appliances were left on.

When a power outage occurs turn off electric items so when power is restored a power surge will not create a fire hazard.

- When the power goes out while cooking, turn off the burners and/or oven immediately.
- If you are using electric space heaters, check all rooms to ensure heaters are turned completely off.
- Also turn off lights, TV's, computers, and other electrical items.