



Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

Santa Clara County Fire Department

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We Care About Your Safety

Exterior

- ___ Make house number visible from street
- ___ Trim trees away from electrical wires
- ___ Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters

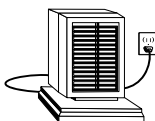


For more information, contact PG&E

1.800.743.5000 or www.pge.com or www.safetree.net

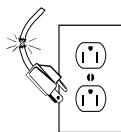
Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- ___ Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- ___ Replace furnace filters once a year
- ___ Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- ___ Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- ___ Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- ___ Install a spark arrester on chimney
- ___ Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- ___ Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater



Electrical

- ___ Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- ___ Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- ___ Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- ___ Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
- ___ Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- ___ If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker



Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- ___ Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- ___ Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly (*see below*)
- ___ Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels
- ___ Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- ___ Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- ___ Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite



For more information, contact the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program
408.299.7300 or www.hhw.org

Cooking

- ___ Never leave cooking unattended
- ___ Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- ___ Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- ___ When barbequing, move unit away from the house
- ___ Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers



Smoking Materials & Candles

- ___ Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- ___ Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- ___ Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- ___ Never smoke in bed
- ___ Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- ___ Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children



Smoke Alarms

- ___ Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
 - ___ Test smoke alarms once a month
Hint: use a broom handle to reach & push test button
 - ___ Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year
Hint: use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder
 - ___ Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years
- For information on carbon monoxide detectors, contact PG&E 1.800.743.5000 or www.pge.com



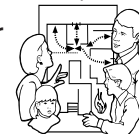
Fire Extinguishers

- ___ Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- ___ Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (*Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep*)
- ___ Inspect extinguishers annually



Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan

- ___ Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Crawling low under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room
 - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- ___ Practice escape plan with every member
- ___ Teach all family members how to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (State your name, location & type of emergency)
 - Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire



For more information and additional resources, visit Santa Clara County Fire Department on-line at www.sccfd.org