

FIRE MARSHAL BOB'S FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Fall Fire Safety



Cool weather is on the way, which means we'll be firing up our furnaces and space heaters before you know it. Have you taken the steps to ensure your family is safe from fire?

Safety Tips:

- **Furnaces should be cleaned and checked by a professional at least once a year.**
- **Furnace filters should be replaced monthly.**
- **Fireplace chimneys should be cleaned and checked annually by a professional.**
- **Dryer vents should be vacuumed all the way from the dryer to the exterior of your residence.**
- **Space heaters should be 3 feet away from anything combustible and be plugged directly into an outlet.**
- **Space heaters with damage, frayed cords or are more than 10 years old should be replaced with a new, safer unit.**
- **DO NOT burn leaves. Fall also brings wind, and flying debris can start a fire at a distant location.**

Remember to check your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. If they are more than 10 years old, they should be replaced. Call the American Red Cross at (219) 756-5360 for a free smoke detector.