



Home Fire Safety Self-Inspection Checklist.

Kirkland Fire Department does not inspect private residences but that doesn't mean you can't take the steps to be safe in your own home. Below are the most common fire and safety recommendations to look for.

Print out the list and take a walk around your house.

Private Homes

This list focuses on single family private residences that are not used for business.

1. Make sure your address is clear and visible from the street.
2. Keep all exit doors clear.
3. Remove tripping hazards from pathways (even small ones)
4. Place motion sensitive exterior lights on the side and back of your home.
5. Remove garbage and brush debris from the edge of house.
6. Keep charged fire extinguishers mounted at the exits of your home and garage. (turn and shake once a year) We recommend 2A10BC dry chemical extinguishers.
7. Keep kitchen counter and stove tops clear of paper and towels.
8. Flammable liquids storage should be in a lockable cabinet.
9. Keep storage rooms locked.
10. Oily rags should be kept in a metal / covered can.
11. Draw an escape plan and practice it. Have a family meeting place.
12. Do not run extension cords under carpet or use as permanent wiring.
13. Remove overloaded extension cords and multi plug adapters.
14. Replace any damaged outlets or switches.
15. Keep portable heaters away from furniture and combustibles.
16. Change batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year. As a minimum place one outside each bedroom and the kitchen.
17. Install a carbon monoxide detector outside of bedrooms
18. Keep fire lanes clear at all times
19. Keep fire hydrants and stand pipes clear of brush (3')
20. Verify pressure to your home sprinkler system.
21. Keep the area in front of the breaker panel clear 36"
22. Only use candles in clear areas away from combustibles.
23. Clean your wood stove or fireplace chimney once a year.
24. Dispose of cigarettes and smoking material in a metal can away from porches and away from beauty bark areas.
25. Keep matches and lighters put away.



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