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CITY OF JOLIET REMINDS RESIDENTS ABOUT WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay warm this winter season, be fire smart! Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January, and February.

- Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 6 home fire deaths
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source such as fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your house
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time

Chief Joe Formhals states “The Joliet Fire Department has begun its Keep the Wreath Red campaign for the holiday season. We want to remind residents to be alert to the added hazards of the Christmas season with real trees, not overloading electrical circuits with lighting, and proper disposal of wrapping paper after the holiday”.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires visit: www.sfm.illinois.gov.

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