

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

SMOKE ALARM &

FIRE BLANKET ASSISTANCE



SMOKE ALARMS

- ✓ Test that your smoke alarms are working by pressing the "test" button on the smoke alarm. If not, change the batteries or replace the smoke alarm.
- ✓ Check the smoke alarm's expiration date, smoke alarms have a lifespan of ten years.
- ✓ Give the smoke alarm a vacuum, if you have not done so in the last 6 months, to remove dust and any insects.
- ✓ Have a plan for when your smoke alarm is going off.

ESCAPE PLANS

**Do not wait EVERY SECOND COUNTS, GET OUT and STAY OUT and then call 911.
Never go back inside a burning building!**

- ✓ Do you and your family have an Escape Plan?
- ✓ Draw an escape plan and discuss it with your family.
- ✓ Know and record two ways out of every room. Make sure that your windows and doors are unobstructed and can be unlocked and opened quickly, if necessary.
- ✓ Remember to consider special needs of children, the elderly and disabled when developing your escape plan.
- ✓ Practice your escape plan regularly with the whole household including pets.
- ✓ As you escape, make sure you close internal doors behind you.

HEATERS

- ✓ Check your electric and gas heaters before you use them. If you suspect a fault, have the item checked by a qualified repairperson or replaced.
- ✓ Do not overload multiple power strips.
- ✓ Ensure there is at least 3 feet of space between space heaters and other objects.
- ✓ Install and use any new heaters per manufacturer's instructions.
- ✓ Make sure your space heaters plugged directly into an electrical outlet.

COLD WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

- ✓ If your pipes freeze, do not try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flame. Try a hand held dryer, hot water or a UL labeled device for thawing.
- ✓ Never use an oven or range to heat your home, this is a safety hazard and could cause a build-up of toxic fumes.
- ✓ Be certain that all windows used as emergency exits are easily opened in the winter.



Members of the Brazos County Emergency Service District 4 (BCESD4) want you to stay safe this winter!

Upon request, BCESD4 Fire Fighters will come to your residence* and replace or install up to two smoke detectors and one "fire blanket" in your home, at no cost to you.**

(Donations are appreciated)

***Requested locations must be within Brazos County Emergency Service District 4.**

****Additional smoke detectors are available, at cost.**



If interested in receiving a smoke detector and/or fire blanket, please reach out to us by phone, text or email with the information below, you may also check our website for assistance:

Brazos County Emergency Service District 4 at [979-571-8311](tel:979-571-8311),

or email your request to admin@brazoscountyesd4.org,

or visit our website at BrazosCountyESD4.org

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