



Greetings,

Our quarterly Prevention 365 e-newsletter highlights fire and lifesaving topics designed so you can read them in a minute. We believe in the importance of safety awareness and encourage residents to take action to make yourself, your loved ones, and your community safer from fire and other hazards.

– Fire Chief Russel Knick

## Quarterly Safety Tips

### Holiday cooking safety

The end of the year is approaching, and so are holiday festivities! Whether you plan to host a festive get-together, or just bring a dish, you can help prevent kitchen fires by following these safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking
- Keep children and flammable items away from the stovetop, including oven mitts, potholders, food packaging, and dishtowels
- Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food. Be sure to keep an eye on the food while you are frying



Read [more cooking safety tips](#) from the County.

### How to prevent clothes dryer fires

Doing laundry is an essential chore, and awareness about clothes dryer safety is vital to keeping your home safe. The National Fire Protection Association conducted a study over a four-year period on home clothes dryer fires and found that a third of the fires were caused by failure to keep dryers clean.

Following these best practices can help prevent clothes dryer fires:

- Clean lint from the dryer's lint screen after every load
- Keep the area around the dryer clean and clear of things that can burn
- Check your outdoor vent to ensure it is not covered with debris



Find [more clothes dryer safety information](#) from the National Association of Fire Prevention.

### Stop candle fires before they start

Candles are a great way to liven up a room by adding a fresh scent and warm light. Unfortunately, if not properly monitored, candles can burn more than their wick. Understanding the dangers of using candles and knowing the safest ways to use them can help prevent a fire in your home.

[The U.S. Fire Administration](#) provides these tips on candle safety:

- Keep lit candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn



- Do not use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas
- Blow them out when you leave a room or home or when you go to bed
- When you use candles, place them in a sturdy, safe candle holder that will not burn or tip over
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles
- Use flashlights, not candles if you have a power outage



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