

Prevention 365 is a quarterly e-newsletter that highlights fire and lifesaving topics designed so you can read them in a minute. Follow along for seasonal safety tips.

Quarterly Safety Tips

Spring cleaning for the season? Start with your garage

Garage fires tend to spread faster than fires in other areas of the home. This is because garages typically are used to store more flammable and combustible materials like wood, laundry products, gas, and plastics.

So, when you start spring cleaning, pay attention to the items in your garage and keep these tips in mind:

- Store oil, gasoline, paints, propane, and varnishes in a shed away from the home if possible.
- Never store dirty, oily rags in a pile. Store them in an airtight, non-combustible metal container.
- Never leave your car running in the garage. Ensure there are no flammable materials within three feet of the vehicle inside the garage.



Learn more about how to keep your family members and your house safe through our Home Safety Survey. We'll come to your house and ensure your smoke alarms are installed and working correctly, review your fire escape plan, and share fire and life safety tips unique to your situation. Sign up today through [Gwinnett's ZIP](#) portal.

Keep your dryers clean and safe from fire

Did you know that clothes dryers are the leading cause of home fires? Lint that's not cleaned from the dryer screens, ducts, vents, and behind the appliance is highly flammable. You can do several things to keep your laundry room fire safe.

Here are our top three tips:

- Clean dryer lint filters after every use. Residue can accumulate on your dryer lint screen if you use dryer sheets. You should remove the screen every month and clean it with hot, soapy water. Allow it to dry completely before returning it to the dryer.
- Don't leave the dryer running if you leave home or go to bed. If it malfunctions, no one will be there or awake to avoid a possible disaster.
- Add a smoke alarm in the area leading to the laundry room.



Want to stay current on fire and life safety topics? Check out more resources at [Gwinnett Safety 411](#).

Prepare your child with home safety skills with our SafeSitter class

If you have a child in grades 6 through 8 who wants to start babysitting or is ready to be left home alone, sign them up for our SafeSitter class! This class is designed to prepare kids to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger

siblings, or babysitting.

In this class, your child will learn:

- How to administer CPR
- First aid skills
- Childcare best practices

Want to learn more? Visit [GwinnettFireEducation.com](https://www.gwinnettfire.org/education).



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