

HOME APPEAL

AUTUMN

Small House Fires

Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, garage and at least one other room in the house.

Grease Fires: Never use water! Turn off heat and cover flames with lid or a damp towel.

Electrical Fires: Unplug appliance and use extinguisher. If there is no extinguisher, smother with a rug or heavy blanket.

Mattress & Upholstery: Pour water on mattress or furniture and remove from house, it may reignite. These materials will emit lethal fumes, so be sure to thoroughly air out your home.



Safeguarding Important Documents

In case of emergencies, all important papers should be located in an easy to remember location. This paperwork should include:

A Household Inventory : a list or video cataloging photos, expensive items, jewelry, heirlooms, etc.

Personal Records: Birth & marriage certificates, documentation of divorces or separations, military records, adoption, death certificates, original trust, records of money owed you, permits and deeds.

Wills: If you keep your original will at home, keep it extremely safe, and consider keeping it with your attorney or executor.

Life Insurance Policies: Original documentation covering the details of your policies.

Records of the value of your home: cancelled checks, bills, any record of any home improvements, etc.

PICTURE HANGING TIPS

With autumn here, decorating is just around the corner. Here are a few tips on hanging those decorations:

- Cut a silhouette of the item you plan to hang.
- Place the silhouette over the item to be hung and lift the picture wire to the height of the nail. Mark this height on the silhouette.
- Arrange the silhouette on the wall with tape.
- Hammer the nail to the wall in the marked area on the silhouette.
- On larger pictures and when the nail or hook is hard to see, place a drinking straw over the nail, or hook to easily guide the wire over it.