



"Saving Lives and
Protecting Property"

HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

SARASOTA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION

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Exterior

- Make house number visible from street
- Trim trees away from the chimney
- Trim trees or brush away from outside electrical wires



Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters twice a year
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Install a spark arrester on chimney
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers and other combustibles away from water heater



Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment
- Install additional outlets by a qualified electrician to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker

Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials



- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct labels
- Allow proper ventilation when using hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

For more information contact Sarasota County Hazardous Waste Program @861-1530

Fire Department Representative (Print) _____

Owner/Occupant Name: _____

Date: _____



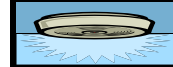
Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles in when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- Move barbecue away from house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers



Smoking Materials & Candles

- Do not leave burning cigarettes or candles unattended
- Use ash trays with center supports to contain cigarettes
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers
- Never smoke in bed
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children



Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test smoke alarms once a month (Hint: use a broom handle to reach and push test button)
- Replace smoke alarm batteries every year (Hint: Use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder)
- Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years



Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (Use P.A.S.S.: **P**ull the pin, **A**im, **S**queeze, **S**weep)
- Inspect extinguishers annually

Exit Drills in the Home (E.D.I.T.H.)

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Crawling low under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room
 - A meeting place outside
- Teach family members how to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies
 - Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire
- Conduct family fire drills at least twice a year