

# Rochester Hills Fire Department

## Residential Fire Safety Checklist

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Exterior

- Make house number visible from the street
- Trim trees away from the chimney
- Keyed deadbolts on inside not used

- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- Move barbecue away from house
- Clean and maintain kitchen hood vent

### Heating Equipment/Fireplace

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

### Smoking Materials/Candles

- Do not leave burning cigarettes or candles unattended
- Use ashtrays 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

### Electrical

- Avoid overloading circuits
- Use only the proper size fuses and circuit breakers in your fuse or circuit breaker box
- Inspect cords and appliances for damage, and replace any damaged cords or appliances promptly
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment
- Have additional electrical outlets installed 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 metal casing with a built-in circuit breaker

### Smoke & CO Detectors

- Adequate number of smoke detectors
- Smoke detectors are in working order
- Smoke detectors are not more than 10 years old
- Close bedroom doors at night
- Keep basement door closed
- CO detector(s) installed
- CO detector(s) are in working order

### Flammable Liquids/Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Do not use gasoline for cleaning parts, etc.
- Allow ample ventilation when using hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

### Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH)

- Family has an escape plan
- Conduct family fire drills at least twice a year
- Escape ladder is available for the second floor
- Exits are not obstructed
- Windows open easily
- Family member know how to dial 9-1-1

### Fire Extinguishers

- Fire extinguishers are available
- Know how to use a fire extinguisher
- Inspect extinguisher periodically
- Replace per manufacturer recommendation

### Other

- Clean out clothes dryer lint collector
- Solid core or metal door between garage and residence
- Power equipment properly stored
- Properly dispose of trash

### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles in when cooking to avoid burn injuries

### Comments: