**Fire Safety Tips For Every Homeowner**

* Remove debris from your roof and gutters
  + Embers from a fire can travel quite far, a pile of leaves or small twigs in your gutter can be kindling for a house fire.
* Clean out your chimney once a year
  + Soot buildup can be a catalyst.
* Check power lines
  + Look for branches that touch or would touch the powerline if they fall. Contact a power company to get them removed.
* Practice safety with candles, plugs/electrical outlets, space heaters, electric blankets, wood stoves, electric or gas ranges, etc.
  + Be cognizant with any electrical source or open flame of some kind.
  + Oil diffusers are a good alternative to candles.
* Keep light bulbs/lamps away from curtains, blankets, and other fabrics
* Clean out dryer lint
  + Dryer lint is an often overlooked culprit for the origination of house fires. Try to clean it between every load of laundry, but at least every few loads.
* Have fire extinguisher easily accessible on every floor of your home
* Check that smoke detectors are working every few months
  + Many can also detect carbon monoxide.
* Make sure firetrucks can access your home
* If there are bedrooms upstairs, make sure at least one room has access to a fire ladder
* Have a plan with your family
  + Points of escape
  + Fire extinguisher locations
  + Meeting point
  + Educate children if applicable
* Keep wood piles a good distance from house
* Do not leave propane tanks with gas still in them in home