**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