



Winter Fire Safety

Residential fires are more prevalent during the winter months than they are in the spring and summer. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 108,400 winter residential building fires occur each year in the United States. Cooking and heating are, by far, the leading causes of these fires. With colder temperatures, many people spend more

time indoors and resort to using fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters, and alternative heating methods such as cooking stoves to keep warm. To ensure a fire safe winter season, it is important to be more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment, and make sure furnaces and chimneys are professionally cleaned and smoke alarms are properly maintained.



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