



The East Side Flyer

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STAY WARM AND SAFE

We've recently discussed chimney fires and the importance of having your chimney inspected and cleaned. Here are some more tips to help you enjoy a warm, worry-free winter.

Portable Heaters

- ♦♦ Make sure they are at least 36 inches from flammables and have a tip-over shut off function.
- ♦♦ Never use an extension cord with portable electric heaters. This is a common cause of fires.
- ♦♦ Check cord each year before use and replace if it is cracked or frayed. Clean dust from air intake and outflow surfaces.
- ♦♦ Never leave children unattended in rooms with portable heaters. Turn heaters off when leaving the house or sleeping.



Furnace

- ♦♦ Have your furnace checked and cleaned by a qualified technician every year.
- ♦♦ Make sure the emergency shut off and automatic controls are in good condition.
- ♦♦ Keep trash, papers, paint, etc. away from the furnace area.

Fireplace and wood stoves

- ♦♦ Always burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Never burn trash.
- ♦♦ If using synthetic logs, always follow directions on the package. Never break apart or use more than one log at a time.
- ♦♦ If using an open fireplace, **NEVER** close the damper while there are hot ashes present. Closing the damper may cause the fire to flare up again which will cause toxic carbon monoxide to be released into the house.
- ♦♦ Always place ashes outdoors in a covered metal container, at least three feet from anything that could burn.

Cold weather fire safety

- ♦♦ Make sure that all windows that can be used as emergency exits can be opened in winter. Practice your escape plan.
- ♦♦ **NEVER** use an oven or range to heat your home.
- ♦♦ If pipes freeze, **NEVER** try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flame. Use a hair dryer, warm water or a UL rated heat wire to thaw.

Wait, I know this....

Which fire district has the lowest fire tax levy in Kootenai County?

- A. East Side Fire
- B. Mica-Kidd Island Fire
- C. Coeur d'Alene Fire
- D. Northern Lakes Fire



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Last month: How did ESFD obtain the funds to purchase the new fire boat?

Answer: C. Planned and saved.

ESFD had been saving for the replacement boat for several years. Our long range budget plan included this and other upcoming capital expenditures.



Thanks to ESFD volunteers who picked up ___ large bags of trash along Hwy 97 and Burma Road.

**PLEASE DON'T
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Turn back your clocks
November 3 at 2AM

