



# The East Side Flyer

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## NATIONAL POISON AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 18 - 24



Most of us live with dangerous poisons in our homes, our garages, and our medicine chests. When labels are ignored or these substances fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur. The CDC reports that 300 children are treated in the U.S. every day and two die as a result of poisoning.

♦ **When purchasing products** you bring into your home, basement or garage, read the label and make sure you know what you are buying. Understand the terms and definitions on product labels.

♦♦ **Caution** - indicates the lowest level of potential harm.

♦♦ **Warning** - indicates a higher level of potential harm, meaning someone could be seriously injured or become ill.

♦♦ **Danger** - indicates the highest level of potential harm. It can cause tissue damage to skin, blindness, and if swallowed, can damage the mouth, throat, or stomach, and can potentially lead to death.

♦ **Detergent pods** for laundry and dishwashers are attractive to infants and toddlers because they are soft, colorful, and resemble candy. The Poison Control Center reports that in 2018, over 9,000 children under the age of 5 were treated for eating or breathing in chemicals from laundry pods.



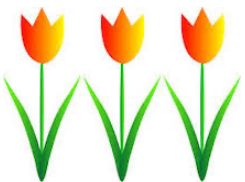
♦ **Coin lithium batteries**, or button batteries, are small silver-colored discs that are used to power many things from toys and electronics to watches and musical greeting cards. Over 3,500 people of all ages swallow them every year. Although most pass through the body and are eliminated without causing harm, they can become caught in the esophagus or can leak chemicals that can cause tissue burns which can be fatal.



♦ **Prescription and OTC medications** are often brightly colored, resembling candy and are often irresistible to small children.

♦ **BOTTOM LINE** - If children live in or visit your home, make sure all medications have child-proof caps. Keep products that might be harmful out of sight and stored in a cabinet that can be secured.

**LET'S ALL USE SAFE PRACTICES WHEN HANDLING POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PRODUCTS!**  
**POISON CONTROL CENTER**  
**1-800-222-1222**



## Daylight Savings Time - March 8

Change the batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms every year. Tackling this job when we set our clocks forward or back is a great way to remember. If you didn't switch them out in November, now is a great time!



## OPEN BURNING

Before burning yard waste, please contact Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for air quality at **Idaho DEQ - 1-800-633-6247** OR visit their website [www.deq.idaho.gov](http://www.deq.idaho.gov). From the menu on the left, choose **Air Quality**, then **Monitoring** for **Daily Reports**, or choose **Burning** for guidelines on **Residential Burning**. Stagnant air causes smoke to hug the ground creating potentially unsafe air quality.



## Wait, I know this....

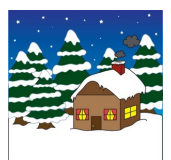
What percentage of property owners with structures in our district have signed up to be protected by ESFD?

A. 90%

B. 80%

C. 65%

D. 75%



**Last month's question:** How are the area mile marker signs maintained?

B. IDT and ESFD share maintenance responsibilities.