



The East Side Flyer

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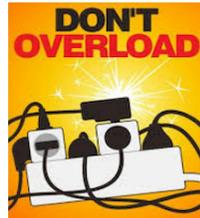
Each year, electrical malfunctions account for 35,000 home fires causing over 1,000 injuries and 500 deaths. An older home may not be able to handle the demands of today's electrical appliances and devices.

Learn the warning signs of an overloaded electrical system:

- ◆◆Frequent tripping of circuit breakers or blowing of fuses
- ◆◆Dimming of lights when other devices are turned on
- ◆◆Buzzing sound from switches or outlets
- ◆◆Discolored outlets
- ◆◆Appliances that seem underpowered
- ◆◆A qualified electrician can determine the cause of an overloaded system

How to avoid overloading circuits:

- ◆◆Label circuit breakers to help you evaluate the load on each circuit
- ◆◆Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician if it's older than 20 years or has had a major appliance installed
- ◆◆Have a qualified electrician install new circuits for high energy use devices
- ◆◆Reduce your electrical load by using energy-efficient appliances and lighting



If you aren't sure what you're doing, you probably shouldn't be doing it.



East Side Fire wishes the very best to Mary Mills following her retirement after 7 years as a Fire Commissioner. We thank Mary for her leadership, dedication, support, and valued

contributions to ESFD which have helped to shape our community-based emergency services agency into what it is today. As we move forward, we would like to congratulate Akos Ador, an ESFD Firefighter for over 6 years, on his appointment as our new District 3 Fire Commissioner. We look forward to Ak's experience, wisdom and contributions in the years to come.



OPEN BURNING

Open burning is now allowed through May 9.

Burn permits are required from May 10 - October 20

Obtain your burn permit online at www.burnpermits.idaho.gov or at ESFD's Arrow Point office, M - F 8AM -12PM.

If coming to the office, please follow the governor's guidelines for social distancing and protective masks.

Call the Idaho DEQ at (208) 769-1422 or toll-free (877) 370-0017 for an air quality check before burning. You may also go online at www.deq.idaho.gov and find the link to Daily Air Quality Reports on the right panel.

IN TIMES LIKE THESE

DEDICATED TO EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

Back in January, none of us would have imagined that we would be smack in the middle of times like these. While the state of our world rapidly transforms around us, we cannot ignore the changes in our society that are here today, or escape those that will happen in the future.

Times like these change human beings as a result of our individual response to uncertainty, our anxiety toward the unknown and our frustration due to a lack of control. Concern for our family and friends and the stress of our human compassion for those affected weigh heavy on us all and ultimately changes our lives.

During times like these, our human character steps up to shape our reaction to the present and strengthen our resolve for whatever the future may bring to us as individuals, families



and communities. It all starts with individuals who place the good and well-being of others above themselves, day in and day out. We greatly appreciate our everyday heroes, including doctors, nurses, medical technicians, essential business operators, law enforcement, first responders, shelter and food banks, truck drivers, all of the volunteers taking care of others and those who support all these efforts through funding and donations.

This too, is our East Side Fire legacy. Every day, and especially throughout times like these, the proud and dedicated volunteers of East Side Fire District continue to step forward. They are ready and willing to help our friends and neighbors, whenever help is needed. Firefighters and EMTs are risking their own safety at all hours of the day and night to help others and keep our community safe. Volunteers are making masks for our volunteers and others are checking in to make sure our team members are safe. This commitment and dedication make ESFD the best it can be for today and tomorrow.

In times past, present and future, but especially in times like these, we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you for everything you do to protect life and property in this community we call home.

Dan Currie, ESFD Chief

