



The Rockford Fire Department would like to share some quick tips to ensure your family's safety during these record cold days:

- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and located near sleeping areas. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses; people may not know that they are being exposed. That is why a detector is so critical
- Space heaters need space – if you chose to use a space heater, make sure it is not left unattended and 3 feet of clearance is maintained around it at all times
- If you have a fireplace, always use caution and be sure to dispose of the ashes in a metal container with a lid
- Do not use outdoor heaters or ovens to heat your home
- Use caution with extension cords and remember these are only designed for temporary use
- Have a safety kit in your vehicle includes additional clothing, jumper cables, shovel, and blanket
- Remember to properly dispose of your Christmas Tree and when removing lights, check for any frayed cords or other issues
- Also, think about fire hydrants near your home. Be sure to maintain a three foot clearance around it to ensure it is easy to locate and use in an emergency

Please call the Rockford Fire Department Fire Prevention Division at (815) 987-5660 or check our website www.rockfordil.gov/fire for more information.

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