



Cape Coral Fire Department

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



OUTSIDE THE HOME

- House number is clearly visible from the street and on the mailbox.
- Exits are free of clutter and debris.
- Trees are trimmed and not affecting powerlines.
- Grill is used at least 10ft away from the structure.
- Propane tanks are stored outdoors in flat, level, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.
- Fire pit is no larger than 3ft by 2ft and is located at least 25ft from any structure with a source of extinguishment, e.g. a garden hose, nearby.



GARAGE

- Electrical panel is clear and easy to get to.
- Hot water heater area is clear and easy to get to.
- Paint, varnish, and other oil-based liquids are stored in tightly closed metal containers.
- Grills, generators, flammables, and open flames are never used inside garage.
- Store gasoline in a well-ventilated area away from direct sunlight and away from any other source of heat such as your vehicles' exhaust pipes. Occasionally inspect for pressurization.
- Do not store propane tanks inside a garage. If the valve isn't fully closed, vapors could escape and concentrate inside garage.



DRYER

- Never run the dryer when no one is home.
- Lint filter/traps are cleaned after every dryer cycle.
- Dryer vent outside is free from debris and clutter.
- Have dryer vent professionally cleaned annually.



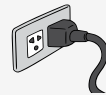
CANDLES

- Candles are on noncombustible surfaces.
- Candles are at least 12 inches from anything flammable.
- Candles are extinguished when no one is in the room.



KITCHEN

- Never leave cooking unattended. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling. Turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. When simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting, stay in the home and check on it frequently - use a timer as a reminder if necessary.
- Pot and pan handles are turned inward while cooking.
- Clothes are not loose or hanging while cooking.
- No one cooks while sleepy or after having consumed alcohol or medication that causes drowsiness.
- Nothing is ever stored on the stovetop or in the oven, even when not in use.
- Oil and water don't mix! Never use water on a grease fire. Have a lid and/or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Practice "Three Feet from the Heat" and have a kid- and pet-free zone 3ft around the stove and areas where hot food/drinks are prepared.



ELECTRICAL

- Immediately replace any damaged electrical cords.
- No over loaded outlets. When plugging multiple cords into one outlet, a surge protector is used and NOT a power strip which offers no protection against electrical surges and shorts.
- Electrical cords do not run under any rugs or flammable objects or across any walkways where they may become a tripping hazard.
- Powerful and/or heat-producing appliances are plugged directly into separate outlets.
- Electronics that use lithium ion batteries, such as laptops and phones, are charged only on noncombustible surfaces and with the manufacturer's charging device and/or cord.



SMOKING

- Matches and smoking materials are properly extinguished before disposal.
- Smoking takes places outside. If smoking indoors, which is not recommended, never in bed.
- Matches and lighters are always locked away.