PERKIOMEN NEWSLETTER



Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,

T his is the Fall and Winter Edition of the Perkiomen Township Newsletter. The Board hopes everyone finds the information in this newsletter to be valuable and useful. Below is the contact information and meeting schedule for Perkiomen Township.

Township Contact Information

Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Township Manager: Cecile M. Daniel



MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors

First Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Public Hearings held when necessary

Municipal Authority

Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting

(Held between Board & Planning Commission) If Necessary, Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.





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COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT NUMBERS:

MUNICIPAL:

Perkiomen Township Tax Collector:

Dawn Johnston – 267-354-1955 P. O. BOX 26095, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426 E-MAIL ADDRESS: PERKIOMENTWPTAXCOL@GMAIL.COM FAX#: 267-347-1755

Perkiomen Valley School District - 610-489-8506

Municipal Authorities:

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority – 610-489-2831 Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority – 610-489-2315 Schwenksville Borough Authority – 610-287-7772

Perkiomen Township Fire Company:

610-489-0911 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911 610-489-7707 (Fire Company Business & Hall Rental)

AMBULANCES:

Plymouth Community Ambulance – 610-277-2776 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911 Trappe Fire Company and Ambulance – 610-489-2700 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

District Justice County 31-38-1-24 – Albert Augustine – 610-584-4732

PA State Police – 610-584-1250 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – 610-287-9383

PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENTS:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – Montgomery County – Penn Dot Maintenance Section – 610-275-2368 Penn Dot – District 6 – 610-205-6700

POT HOLE REPAIR STATE ROADS – Contact the PENNDOT Maintenance Hotline at 1-800-FIX ROAD

Pennsylvania Environmental Protection – 484-250-5900 (24 hours/day)

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch – Local Office: 215-541-2388

Pennsylvania Representative Tom Quigley – Local Office: 610-792-1280

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Montgomery County Court House – 610-278-3000 (General Number)

Montgomery County Board of Health – Pottstown 610-970-5040 Norristown 610-278-5117

Montgomery County Board of Assessment -

Montgomery County sets the assess value of your home. For questions on your assess value please contact the Board of Assessment at 610-278-3761

Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds -

All deeds in Montgomery County are recorded in the Recorder of Deed's Office. For questions concerning your deed contact the Recorder of Deeds Office at 610-278-3289

Montgomery County Parks –
Central Perkiomen Park Valley Park – 610-287-6970

Pennypacker Mills – 610-287-9349

Montgomery County Voter Services –

For questions regarding voter services/registration and absentee ballots 610-278-3280

UNITED STATES POST OFFICES

Collegeville – 610-409-0572 Schwenksville – 610-287-3551

LIBRARIES

Montgomery County Library – Norristown: 610-278-5100 Perkiomen Valley Library – 610-287-8360

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(Earned Income Tax Questions) 610-599-3138 or 1-866-701-7205

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Montgomery County S.P.C.A (Main Office) – Conshohocken – 610-825-0111 Perkiomenville – 610-754-7822

PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES

Pennsylvania America Water Company – 1-800-717-7292 Aqua of Pennsylvania – 1-877-987-2782

PECO EMERGENCIES – 1-800-841-4141

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PREPARATIONS

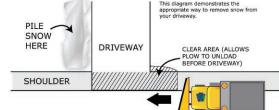
The township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of township roads. Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during a snowstorm. Having to maneuver through parked traffic makes their jobs much more difficult.

Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations of any items (e.g. fences, basketball nets, mailboxes, etc.) in the right-of-way are placed there at the owner's risk.

Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road.

Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway and your sidewalk. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway or on your sidewalks. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways, driveway entrances, and sidewalks of accumulated snow.



REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOX & POST

Perkiomen Township has adopted a policy regarding the reimbursement for damage to any mailbox and/or post caused by the Township's snowplows. This includes damage caused by Township employees, agents, and contractors that plow snow or salt and cinder the roads in Perkiomen Township. Any mailbox owner that claims a Township plow has damaged his/her mailbox and/or post shall report the damage to Shawn Motsavage, Township Road Master, within five (5) business days. Upon receipt of the claim, Mr. Motsavage will investigate the complaint. The Township shall only be responsible for damage to the mailbox and/or post that it strikes with its vehicles or hits with the plow. The Township shall not be responsible for damage to a mailbox caused by plowed snow, salt, or cinders. The owner of the mailbox shall either repair or replace the mailbox and/or post. Once repaired or replace,



the property owner shall submit a receipt to the Township for said cost. Said receipt shall be submitted with a request for reimbursement within thirty (30) days after Mr. Motsavage has investigated the claim. If the receipt for repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post is less than \$95.00, the Township will reimburse the owner for the amount set forth on the receipt. If said cost exceeds \$95.00, the Township's financial responsibility shall be capped at \$95.00. The Township's responsibility shall be limited to the cost of the repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post only. Any other items (e.g. fences, plantings, basketball nets) situated in the rightof-way or the edge of the roadway are placed there at the owner's risk and are not eligible for reimbursement by the Township should they be damaged by the Township's employees, agents or contractors.

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LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP

Perkiomen Township will be picking up leaves and small branches on the following dates:

> Monday, November 5, 2018, Friday, November 9, 2018, Monday, November 12, 2018, Friday November 16, 2018, Monday November 19, and Monday, November 26, 2018

If leaves are bagged they must be put in brown paper yard bags NO PLASTIC



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas tree recycling
begins December 26th thru January 31st
trees can be dropped off at the stone lot below the Township
Administration Building.

Please no plastic bags! There will be no curbside pickup.

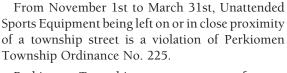


LEAF WASTE & SMALL BRANCH DROP-OFF



Residents of Perkiomen Township may drop-off leaf waste (which does not include grass clippings, yard waste, stumps, or roots) but would include leaves, shrubbery and tree trimmings at the Township building on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

UNATTENDED SPORTS EQUIPMENT



Perkiomen Township requests owners of sports equipment to move the equipment far enough back from the curb or streets edge and outside of the street right-of-way during this timeframe to prevent damage from any township equipment performing winter maintenance and or spring cleanup of the streets. Damage can not only occur to the sports equipment, but to township and/or subcontractor

equipment due to these objects being located either in the street or too close to the street.

The Township has the right to remove the unattended sports equipment without notice and without responsibility or liability for any damage caused thereto if left in a position in violation of the ordinance.

Anyone with questions regarding unattended sports equipment can contact the Township Code Enforcement Officer, John Moran Jr. or the Township Road Master, Shawn Motsavage at 610-489-4034.



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REAL ID IN PENNSYLVANIA

How can I get a REAL ID?

Beginning in September 2018, you may bring your REAL ID documentation to any PennDOT Driver License Center for verification. Once REAL IDs are available in spring 2019, you will be able to order your REAL ID online—no need to go back to the driver license center!

Once you order your REAL ID online, PennDOT will use your most recent photo on file and your new REAL ID will arrive in the mail within 7-10 business days.

After REAL IDs are available, you will have three options for obtaining a REAL ID:

- Apply online (pre-verified customers only)
- Visit any PennDOT Driver License Center to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID in the mail within 7-10 business days
- Visit one of up to 13 REAL ID Centers statewide to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID at the time of service

Pre-Verify Online!

If you received your FIRST Pennsylvania driver's license,

learner's permit or photo ID card AFTER September 1, 2003, PennDOT may already have your REAL ID documentation on file.

To find out if your required REAL ID documents are on file with PennDOT, visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID.

If PennDOT confirms that your documents are on file, you can order your REAL ID online when they are available in spring 2019—no need to visit a driver's license center!

Where can I go to learn more?

To get the most up-to-date, accurate information about REAL ID in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT.gov/REALID.

Visit our website to learn more about REAL ID and decide if it's right for you. You'll find detailed information about what documents you need to present, and answers to frequently asked questions about REAL ID.

For additional information about REAL ID from the federal Department of Homeland Security, visit www.dhs.gov and search for "REAL ID."

For a complete list of identification accepted by TSA, visit www. tsa.gov and search for "Identification."

Things to Remember:

Individual federal facilities—including military installations—may have different security measures and accepted forms of identification may vary. Contact the facility in advance of your visit to learn what forms of ID will be accepted.

After October 1, 2020, you will need a REAL ID (or another TSA-approved form of ID) to board a commercial flight, even within the U.S.

You will still need a valid passport to travel internationally.

What is REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID.

Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL

ID-compliant license, identification card or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:

- Board domestic commercial flights
- Enter a military base
- Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door

Do I have to get a REAL ID?

No. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents. You will be able to get either a REAL ID driver's license or identification card, or a standard driver's license or identification card.

If you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and enter certain federal facilities after October 1, 2020.

The chart below shows the difference between a standard ID or driver's license, and a REAL ID:

	Standard ID or Driver's License	REAL ID ID or Driver's License
Driving (DL only)	Yes	Yes
General Identification Purposes	Yes	Yes
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after October 1, 2020	No	Yes
Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or Militrary Base	No	Yes

You DO NOT need a REAL ID to:

- Drive
- Vote
- Access hospitals
- Visit the post office
- Access federal courts
- Apply for or receive federal benefits

When can I get a REAL ID?

REAL IDs will be available to customers who want them in spring 2019.

How much will a REAL ID cost, and when will it expire?

You will pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus a renewal fee (current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-commercial driver's license or a photo ID).

The expiration date of your first REAL ID license or ID card will include any time remaining on your current license or ID card, plus an additional four years. *

For example, if your license is set to expire in October 2020, but you upgrade to a REAL ID in October 2019, your new REAL ID-compliant license or ID card won't expire until October 2024.

This means that you won't "lose" time that you've already paid for. After your first REAL ID license or photo ID expires, there are no additional fees to renew a REAL ID vs. a standard-issue ID.

If you are receiving your first Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID and you'd like to get a REAL ID, you'll pay the one-time REAL ID fee, plus the regular initial issuance fee (current initial issuance fee for a non-commercial learner's permit and driver's license is \$35.50, \$30.50 for a photo ID).

How do I prepare to get a REAL ID?

The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together.

Federal regulations require that PennDOT must verify the following documents for a customer before issuing a REAL ID:

- Proof of identity Original or certified copy of a birth certificate with a raised seal, issued by an authorized government agency, or valid U.S. Passport.
- Proof of Social Security number Social Security card.
- Proof of all legal name changes Marriage certificate, court order or divorce decree issued by your county's family court.
- Two proofs of current, physical PA address Examples: Current, unexpired PA license or ID and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement or utility bill with the same name and address.

If you are a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen, acceptable documents include:

- I-551 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
- Passport with I-551 stamp
- Machine-readable Immigrant Visa
- Re-entry Permit I-327

For additional information on REAL ID documentation requirements and to download the printable document checklist, visit www.PennDOT. gov/REALID and click "Document Check."



For more information go to www.PennDOT.gov/REALID

NO BURNING REGULATIONS

On August 3, 2010, the Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 207, an amended Recycling Ordinance. The amended Recycling Ordinance was a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. One of the significant changes was the ban on burning. The Recycling Ordinance states that "No resident or person shall burn any recyclable material, leaf waste or municipal waste." Anyone having any questions should contact John Moran Jr. at 610-489-4034.





Perkiomen Township Fire Company

485 Gravel Pike (Route 29), Collegeville, PA 19426 Emergency: 911 • Business Line: 610-489-7707

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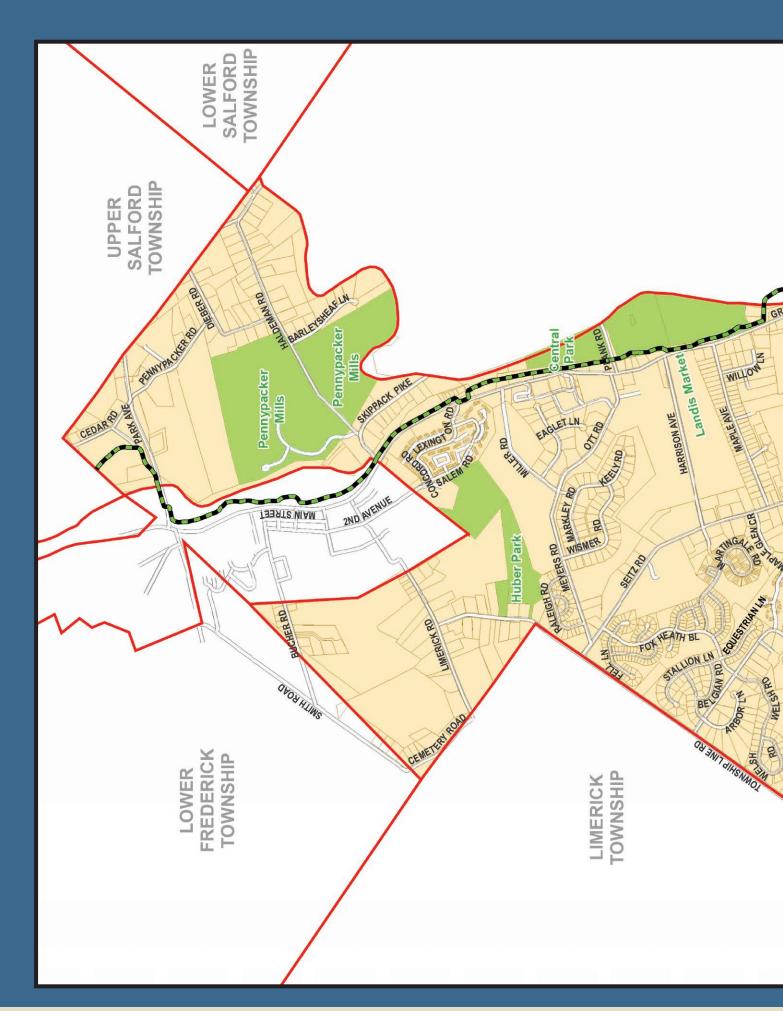
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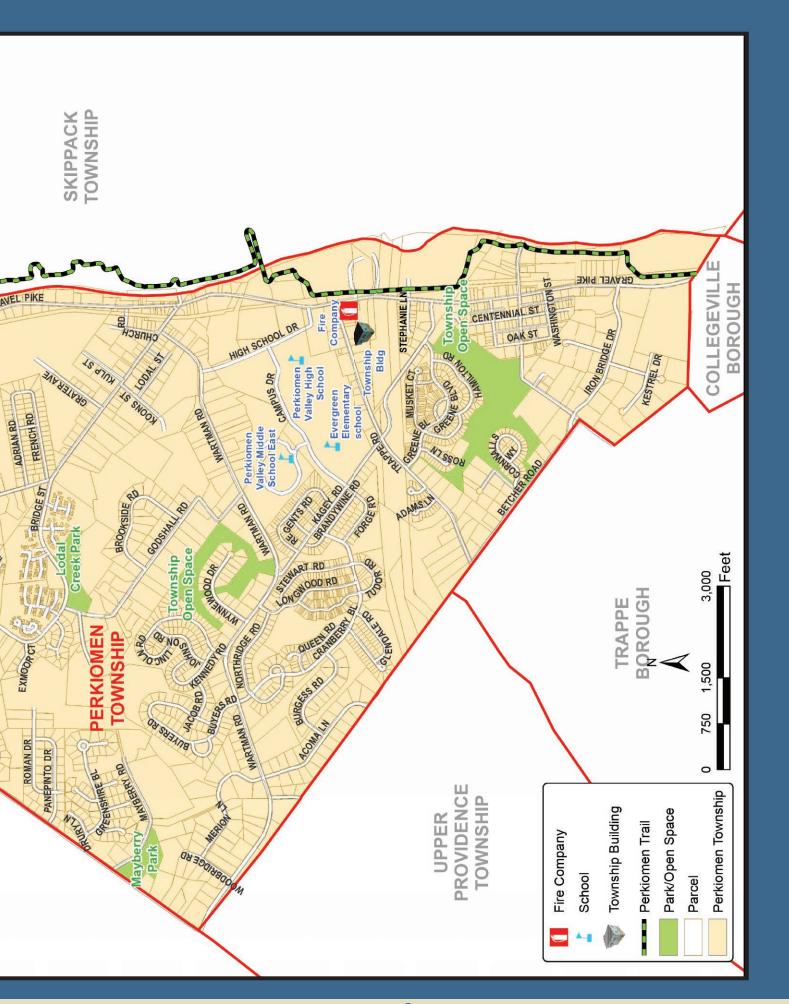
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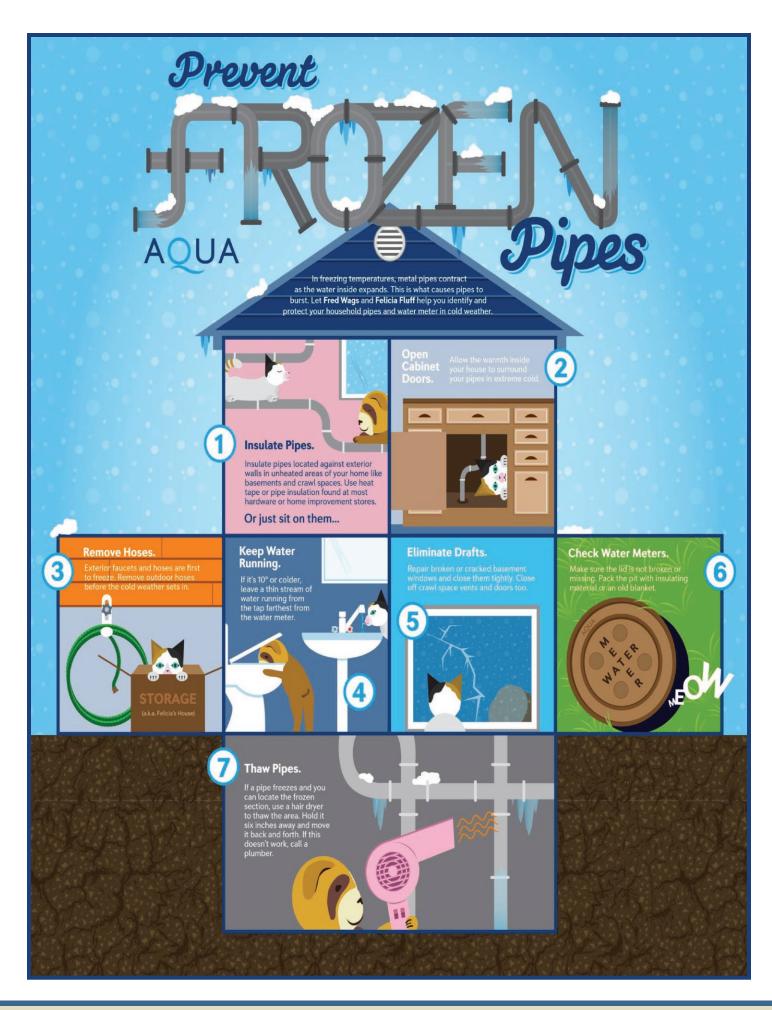
- 3 Comedy Show/Fundraiser
- 22 Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Start/Fundraiser

December 22 *Santa Visits Township

*No times of arrival are given. Please listen for the sirens and airhorns of the fire apparatus. Have your children walk to the streets edge/curb line to greet Santa Claus and his helper helps the fire company move more efficiently through the Township.









Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- NOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
-))) HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- PRACTICE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
-))) CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
-))) CALL the fire department from outside your home.

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FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- (!) While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- (1) One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP





Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

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There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Weep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
-))) Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- >>> Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
-))) Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
-))) Test smoke alarms monthly.

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Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December**, **January**, and **February**.

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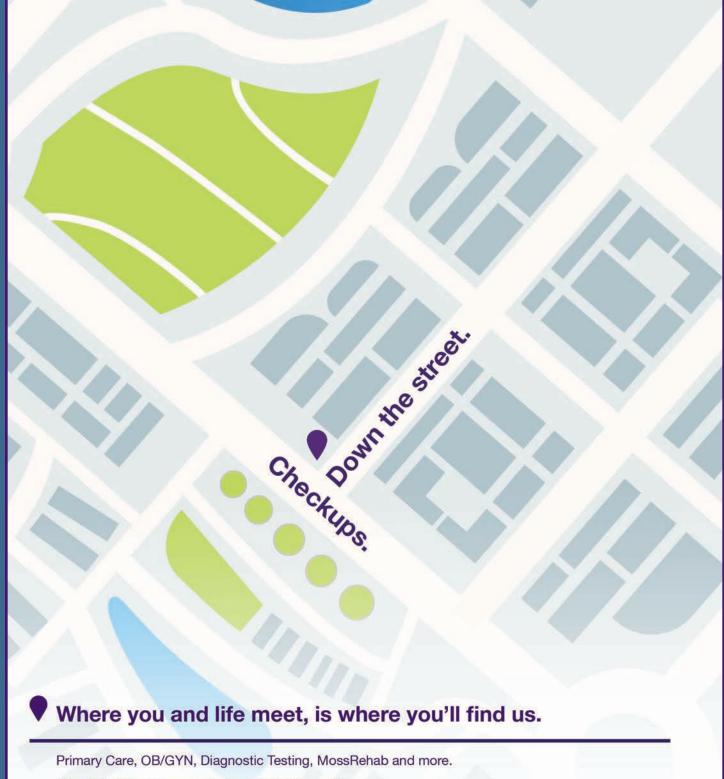




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