



SPRING CLEANING FOR SAFETY - Inside

Inside Your Home

- Clean **oven** per manufacturer instructions. Built-up grease and food can ignite.
- Clean **microwave** (inside and vents) and **airfryer** for the same reason.
- Tidy your **counter** - keep everything 3 feet from the heat!
- Confirm your **extinguisher** is accessible and in the “green zone” + not expired.
- Keep **cleaning bottles** in their original containers to reduce risk of poisoning or cross-contamination and mixing of chemicals.
- Clean **Dryer** Vent and Duct and check that the exhaust is clear to the outside.
- Remove dust/debris around and behind **washer and dryer**.
- Remove **Bathroom Exhaust** cover and vacuum/remove dust from the fan.
- Check all **cords and outlets** for fraying or damage.
- Replace **HVAC** Air filter and clear dust.
- Smoke Alarms**: dust the vents, check date and replace if older than 10 years. Test alarm for “three beeps!”.
- Ensure they are on every level of your home and inside every room where someone sleeps.
- CO Alarm**: Test the alarm and make sure you have one on every level of your home!
- Review and practice your **home escape plan**: Know 2 ways out of each room and make sure everyone knows where the meeting place is outside.





SPRING CLEANING FOR SAFETY - Outside

Outside Your Home - Also Wildfire Preparedness!

- Remove all debris** and leaves from roof and gutters.
- Remove all debris** and leaves from under decks, and against the foundation.
- Inspect siding and foundation** for cracks where embers could enter.
- Replace any bark or wood mulch with gravel or **rock within 5 ft** of your home.
- Move anything combustible away from the home:** patio furniture, door mats, firewood, planters, decorations.
- Ensure your Vents, Eaves, and crawl-space openings have **1/8" metal screens**.
- Trim tree branches** so they are at least 10 feet away from roof or chimney.
- Remove all dead grass, shrubs, and branches from beneath trees within 30 feet of home.
- Potting soil is highly flammable!** Ensure you are properly discarding any smoking materials in noncombustible containers rather than potting soil.
- If you are cleaning or staining furniture, remember that **Oily Rags are highly flammable!** Never leave oily rags in a pile, in a trash can, or in a plastic bag.
 - Lay them flat to dry outside, ensuring they are weighted down.
 - Place them in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid, filled with water.
 - Follow local hazardous waste regulations for final disposal



SPRING CLEANING FOR SAFETY - Batteries

Remember: Buy, Charge, and Recycle your tools safely!

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a stamp from a **nationally recognized testing lab** on the packaging and product.
- Charge your device on a hard surface** away from anything combustible. Do not overcharge your device. **Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.**
- Stop charging the device immediately if you notice a change in color or shape, an odor, heat, leaking, or odd noises. Move the device away from anything flammable (such as outside on the driveway or sidewalk) if possible to do so safely.
- Call 9-1-1 if you notice any smoke or flames.**
- Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins** because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery** at a safe battery recycling location is the best option for disposal. Visit the link below to find your closest recycling location:
www.batterynetwork.org/locator

