Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

- **Half of all home heating fires** occur in December, January and February.
- **1 in every 7** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away** from your home as possible.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month**.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.
- Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).