

LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS



Fall Safety Checklist

- As winter approaches we fill our basements, garages or workshops with all the 'toys' of summer; lawn chairs, pool accessories, pool chemicals, bikes, etc. All these items can accumulate quickly and become a fire hazard. Please take a few moments to read the following precautions - to ensure the safety of your family.
- Dispose of all household items, such as empty boxes, stacks of newspapers and magazines, and any other items that are flammable and organize your basement, workshop or garage to reduce the fire hazard.
- If you store gasoline, ensure you keep it outside in a shed or detached garage.
- Keep only a small quantity in a tightly sealed and properly marked approved container.
- Never store paint or other flammable liquids near your furnace or hot water heater.
- Have your furnace and chimney inspected at least once a year by a qualified professional.
- Remove all 'trash' from your home and always keep at least 3 feet clear around your furnace and hot water heater.
- Never store propane cylinders - like the one on your barbeque, indoors!
- Woodstove and Chimney Safety - Every season you should have your chimney inspected by a qualified professional