

Building Commissioner Message

The cold weather is here and there are some safety tips you should be aware of:

1. Batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be changed twice a year. Easy way to remember is when switching the clocks during daylight savings new batteries should be installed in detectors.
2. Before a fire is started in the fireplace, it and the chimney should be inspected by a professional chimney sweep. This could prevent a potential structure fire.
3. If power is lost during a storm, have plenty of batteries for flashlights. Also have plenty of nonperishable foods and water on stock.
4. After a winter storm clear exhaust vents from Direct Vent Gas Furnace Systems to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

5. Use care around downed power lines. Assume a down wire is a live wire.
6. Help dig out fire hydrants and storm drains in your neighborhood.
7. Make sure backup generators are well ventilated.

For more safety tips please follow the link provided:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/ready-massachusetts/winter-storms.html>

Have a Happy and Safe holiday,

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