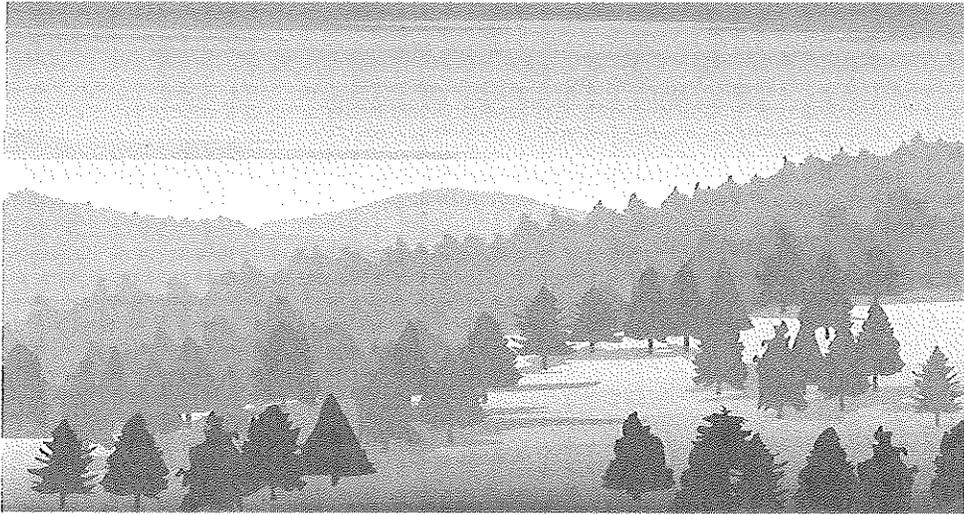


WINTER SAFETY TIPS



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With winter upon us, the Borough Officials would like to remind the public to exercise caution when heating their homes or driving on our roadways. Many tips can be lifesaving and several of the suggestions are environmentally friendly ideas and solutions.

Although most of us will use conventional methods such as furnaces, baseboard heaters or radiators to heat our homes this winter, some may look for a less expensive way to stay warm. This can be dangerous and even deadly. Regardless of which heating method you choose, remember to be smart about the decisions you make and keep safety as a top priority.

Also, during the winter months, normal driving skills are challenged and we must exercise caution more often during this season, than any other season of the year. Your safety on our roadways are important to us all.

Lastly, several of these tips are environmentally friendly and safe ideas that you can do, during the winter months, that have an impact on our streams and drinking water supplies.

1. Never use ovens, ranges and grills as a primary or supplementary heating device. They may overheat and cause a fire, and they can produce deadly fumes.

2. Install carbon monoxide detectors in every home to warn of deadly gas levels.

3. Keep all heating devices at least three feet away from other objects, such as combustible walls and furniture.

4. Never fill kerosene heaters while hot and inside your home. Avoid overfilling the unit as cold fuel may expand in the tank as it warms up.

5. When using a space heater, never use an extension cord, never hang items to dry above the heater and never leave the space heater unattended.

6. Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that burns, especially highly flammable objects like Christmas trees, curtains and papers.

7. Test your smoke alarm at least monthly by pushing the test button or by blowing smoke into the detector. Vacuum out the alarm at least once a year and make sure to replace the battery twice a year.

8. Make an escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and have everyone practice the plan before an emergency strikes.

9. Inspect and clean your chimney before each heating season.

10. Burn only clean and dry hardwood in a wood stove or fireplace. Never burn plastics, trash or wood that has been treated with a preservative, paint or other chemicals.

11. Have an emergency kit prepared for winter emergencies, as well as a to-go kit and a roadside emergency kit for your vehicles. These kits should include basic necessities such as water, food and first aid supplies. Your roadside emergency kit should include flares and jumper cables. And do not forget your pet's supplies and leash.

12. When you plan to travel during the winter months, choose a primary and an alternate route. Share that route with a friend or family member, so that if you don't arrive on time officials will know where to search for you.

13. Check the latest weather report before you head out. If possible, travel with other persons. Make sure that at least one person has a cell phone and that it is charged or can be charged in the car.

14. Make an extra effort to drive carefully and defensively. If your car becomes disabled, stay with the vehicle and call for assistance. Run the engine and the heater at intervals to stay warm but be sure to crack a window to avoid carbon monoxide build up.

15. Don't wait for a storm to become overwhelming before stopping and taking refuge. Friends and family would rather have you arrive safely, even if it means arriving late.

16. Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt. Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces, including sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

17. Limit chemical applications near environmentally sensitive areas, including springs, streams, ponds and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation area.

18. Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally friendly alternative to commonly used salt products. Use salt substitutes that are less harmful, including Calcium Chloride and Calcium Magnesium Acetate. For larger areas, apply salt as a brine solution to prevent drift off of paved surfaces.

19. After snow melts, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.

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