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WINTER 2025



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Water & Sewer Authority 215-343-3584 or 215-491-0610
 Tax Collector – Denise Betts 215-491-0611

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Board of Supervisors

3rd Monday 7pm
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 Robin L. Taber, Member

Parks And Recreation Board

Quarterly on 3rd Wednesday 7pm

Financial Advisory Committee

Quarterly and as needed 12pm

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Tuesday, as needed 7pm

Planning Commission

1st Wednesday, as needed 7pm

Tree Committee

Quarterly on 2nd Tuesday, as needed 3pm

Water & Sewer Authority

4th Monday (3rd Monday in May) 7pm

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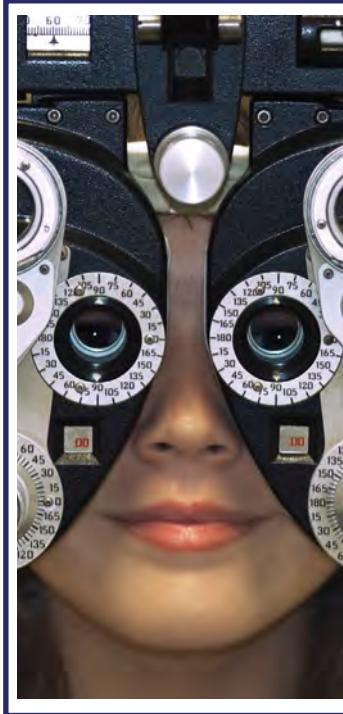
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The Board of Supervisors is pleased to publish the 2026 capital projects program. To assemble this capital projects budget, we solicited input from our professional staff, residents, and our 5-year capital improvements plan. We continue to focus on Township parks, infrastructure, and walkability projects. Below is a list of the prominent projects you can expect next year.

2026 Township Road Program (Roads to be Paved)

- Arbor Court
- Lafayette Drive
- Fairmount Drive
- Scott Place
- Alex Lane
- Sterling Street
- Maxwell Manor
- Ross Lane

As a reminder, the following roads are state roads, owned and maintained by PennDOT: York Road, Bristol Road, Almshouse Road, Mearns Road, Rushland Road, and Sugarbottom Road



- Design a modern stormwater system for the Park Road and Meadowview Drive development
- Continuation of the structural design of the Valley Road bridge replacement project
- Continuation of the Township stormwater pipe relining project



Township Park Improvements

- Replacement of the Guinea Lane Park playground
- Add freestanding sunshades at Guinea Lane Park and Community Park
- Install fencing around the Hampton Chase and Hidden Pond Park playgrounds



Township Equipment

- Replacement of two (2) Police SUVs with new hybrid models
- Replacement of one (1) zero-turn mower
- Purchase of one (1) Ford F-250 pickup truck for Parks and Recreation use
- Replacement of one (1) 6-wheeler dump truck for Public Works
- Replacement of the truck bed on an existing Public Works pickup truck

Infrastructure Projects

- Sidewalk Construction
- Add sidewalks along Almshouse Road between the CVS Pharmacy and St. Cyril's Church
- Resurface trails around the Lockleigh Drive development
- Upgrade the traffic signal vehicle detection and timing at the York Road and Almshouse Road intersection



Facility Renovations

- Furniture replacement
- Elevator refurbishment
- Replacement of the back-up generators at the Administration building and the Public Works facility

- Add back-up generator to the Emergency Medical Services building

- Police parking lot gate replacement

- Connection of the Public Works facility to public sewer

- Replacement of the Township fuel management system

You can see the full 2026 budget and capital projects on our website at www.warwick-bucks.org/finance.

Furthermore, the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors has remained committed to providing these projects and purchases without increasing property taxes since 2010 or issuing bonds to accrue debt. The Township remains in a strong financial position.

For more immediate Township news, we ask that you follow Warwick Township on Facebook, X, Instagram, Threads, or the Township website.

Bucks County Recorder of Deeds



Dan McPhillips, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, offers a Fraud Alert program that is designed to protect Bucks County property owners' deeds. It is easy to sign up, and a FREE service to all Bucks County residents and business owners.



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Should you receive an alert (text message or email), follow the instructions and contact our office immediately. If fraudulent activity occurs, our office will connect you with the District Attorney's office. We cannot emphasize enough the importance that you follow-up on any alert, never assume it was received in error. Our staff is available to help and dedicated to keeping your investment safe.

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You will be alerted, by our recording vendor, Landex, anytime a document has been recorded in the office against your name or parcel number. A cell phone or email address is needed to sign up for this program.

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Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

The winter and holiday seasons are soon to be upon us. It can be a fun and festive time of year, but if you are not careful, it can hold many fire and safety hazards too. Here are some things to keep in mind as these times approach:

Heating is the second leading cause of US home fires and home fire injuries and third leading cause of home fire deaths. December, January, and February are the peak months for heating fires. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires, accounting for more than two of every five fires (44%), as well as most deaths and injuries in home fires caused by heating equipment. Keeping space heaters at least 3 feet away from children, pets and combustible materials is a good start to using them safely. Unplugging electric space heaters when not in use or attended is another good way to stay safer. An annual checkup or service on your main heating unit is also a good idea to prevent fires and potential hazards like carbon monoxide issues.



Fireplaces and chimneys can be a pleasant way to add warmth to your home, if they are maintained and used correctly. A fireplace chimney should be inspected and cleaned annually before the fireplace is used the first time for the season. Combustible objects should be kept a minimum of 4 feet away from the hearth. Decorations and other items should never be hanging from the mantle when the fireplace is in use. Only burn properly dried hardwoods to prevent creosote buildup and chimney fires in wood fireplaces. Never leave a fireplace burning unattended. Put excess ash in a metal container with a tight sealing lid only! Do not ever put ash in a plastic can with other waste. Only dispose of these ashes after they have cooled for a week or more, or after they have been thoroughly wet down. Improperly disposed of ashes have caused many local home fires in the past. Take a few extra steps to ensure you are being safe with your fireplace.



December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. The top two days for home candle fires are Christmas and Christmas Eve. Each year between 2013-2017, an average of 7,900 home candle fires were reported. Keeping children and pets away from burning candles and making sure combustible items are not located too close to the flame will reduce the risk of incident.

Carefully decorating your home can help make your holidays safer. Between 2014-2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 930 home structure fires per year that began with decorations and Christmas trees. Live Christmas trees are combustible items that become increasingly flammable as they continue to dry out in your home. Keeping them well watered while in your home is the best way to prevent this. More than one-quarter (29%) of home fires that begin with Christmas trees occur in January as they become older and drier. When the needles become brittle or start dropping off, it is time to dispose of the tree.

New Years Eve is also a night to use extra caution. Many people use fireworks or sparklers to celebrate the bringing in of the new year. This can add to the merriment and excitement of the night, but if care is not taken while these are being used, the results can be devastating. Always exercise the utmost caution when using these items. Also, the advent of "cold spark" machines has added a new twist to this as they are often advertised to be safe to use inside of structures. This is far from the case. The titanium-based powder that is used in these devices to create the sparks burns at about 1130 degrees Fahrenheit. That is far from cold. If one of these devices is placed too close to a combustible material, there is a strong chance that the material may ignite. Keeping these ideas in mind during the winter months will help to ensure a safe season for you and your family.

Greetings from the Tax Office

WARM GREETINGS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

Real Estate tax bills for 2025 were mailed March 1st and July 1st. If you did not pay your current tax bill, they are in penalty now. Notices are mailed in November for unpaid tax invoices. Liens for unpaid tax bills for 2025 will be turned over to Bucks County Tax Claim and Portnoff Law Associates in December. Please update the tax office of any address changes.

For new homeowners or deed changes, please remember to apply for the Homestead reduction through Bucks County Board of Assessment by March 1, 2026.

The tax office has a generic e-mail reminder list of mailings and due dates. If you would like to be included, please send an email to Denise with the subject e-mail list and you will be added.

To contact Denise at the Tax office call 215-491-0611 or e-mail Warwicktaxbetts@aol.com

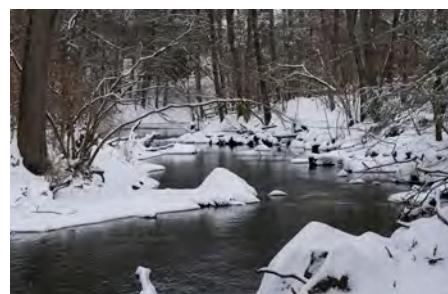
This office collects only real estate taxes. The earned and LST tax collector is Keystone Collections. You can contact them at 1-888-328-0565 or their website Keystonecollects.com. File your local return with Keystone by April 15th, 2026.

Water Quality Tips For Winter

Below are some tips to help the Township improve the water quality in our streams, lakes and rivers:

- **Shovel early.** The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.
- **More salt does not mean more melting.** Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work.
- **Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt.** Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.
- **Sweep up excess.** Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away.
- **Try an alternative for traction.** Sand and kitty litter are effective but can clog sewers and degrade stream habitat when washed away. Cracked corn can be an alternative to try that is more environmentally friendly.
- **Understand what's in it.** All de-icers will melt the ice but some have less of an impact on the environment. Instead of sodium chloride or calcium chloride use products containing an acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please call Warwick Township at 215-343-6100.



Please Prepare Your Mailbox for Winter



PennDOT allows property owners to place mailboxes within the limits of the legal right-of-way, out of respect for the U.S. Postal Service's need to deliver, and mail customers' convenience of delivery. But because those boxes are within the right-of-way, damages are the responsibility of the property owner. Be sure your mailbox is strongly supported. You may also wish to use reflective tape or other material to make it easier to see during storms or during dark hours. Check your box and support often, clear snow from it, and deposit the snow properly. Snow should be cleared in a manner to allow you and motorists proper sight distances (and never on the roadway). Homeowners who have followed these tips in the past and still experienced damaged mailboxes may wish to consider installing a cantilevered mailbox support that will swing a mailbox out of harm's way. An example of a cantilevered mailbox can be found on the Public Works page of the township website at www.warwick-bucks.org.



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SNOW SQUALLS



WHAT ARE THEY?

- Intense short-lived moderate to heavy snowfall bursts
- Quick reduction in visibility and whiteout conditions from gusty winds
- Associated with strong cold fronts which bring Arctic air during winter



WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS?

- Rapidly deteriorating conditions can cause roads to become icy and slick in a matter of minutes; "Flash Freeze"
- Often lead to chain-reaction accidents and treacherous travel

SAFETY:

- There is no safe place on a highway during a snow squall event
- Consider an alternate route or delaying travel, reduce speed and turn on headlights
- STAY ALERT AND WEATHER AWARE!



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The Great Gingerbread Word Search

The holiday season is almost here and Roar Wick is feeling festive. Help him gather supplies to make a gingerbread house by searching for words hidden in the puzzle. Once you've found each word, try your hand at making your own gingerbread house!

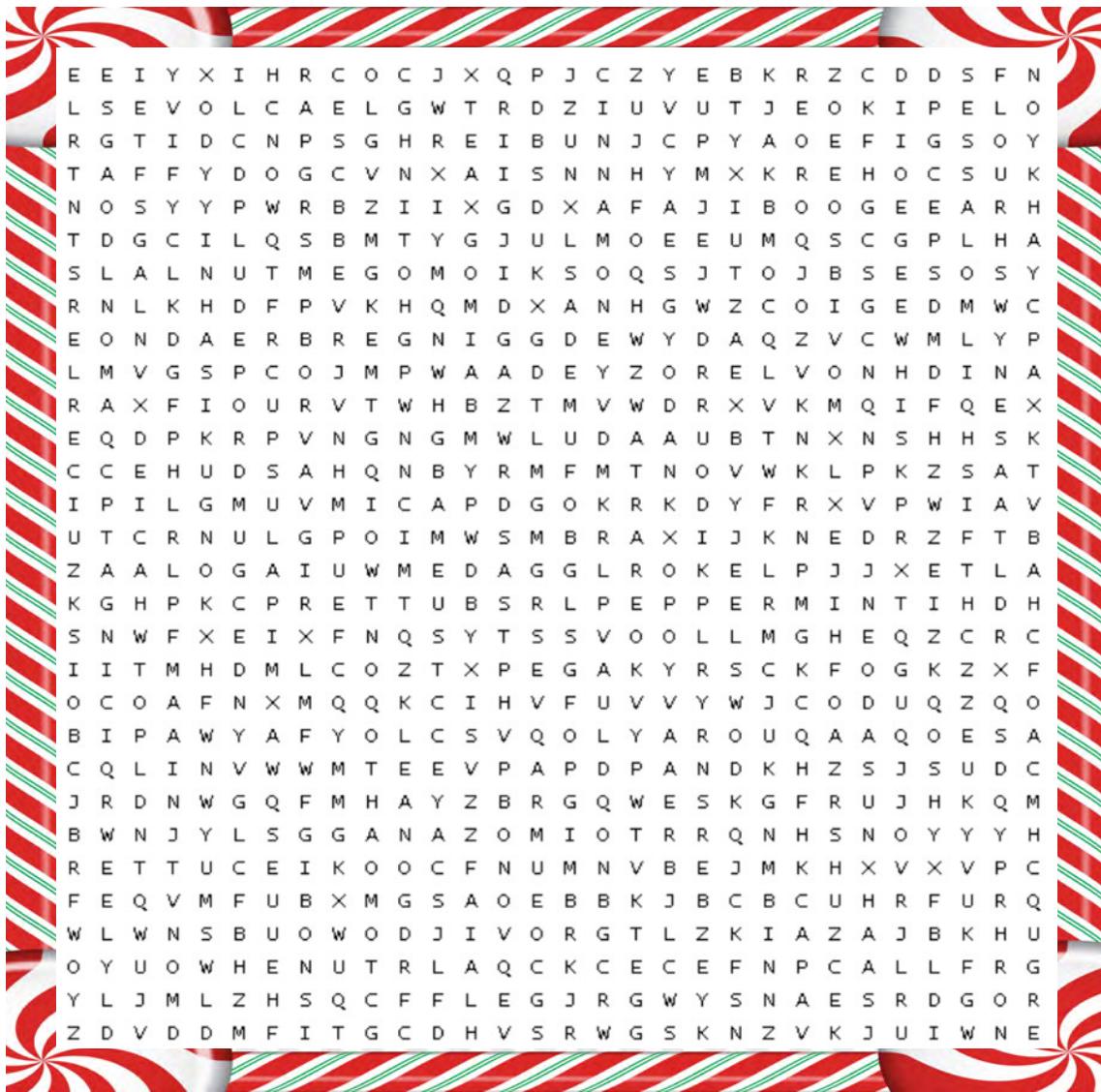
Use the clues to fill in the crossword with fall-themed words. Each answer fits in the boxes going across or down—use completed words to help solve the rest!



Allspice
Candy Cane
Cloves
Decorate
Ginger
Icing
Mixer
Peppermint
Sprinkles

Brown Sugar
Cookie Cutter
Eggs
Gingerbread
Licorice
Molasses
Piping Bag
Taffy
Butter

Cinnamon
Cookie Sheet
Flour
Gumdrop
Lollipop
Nutmeg
Recipe
Whisk



Parks and Recreation Department- Winter Programs

Check out the Warwick Township Parks and Recreation Department website for the latest information on Winter Programs and Events!

Visit www.warwickrec.com or scan the QR Code below for more details!



PRESCHOOL

Let's Get Messy Playtime
Mini Session



SCHOOL AGE CAMPS:

Karate
Code Yogis: Robotics
Code Yogis: Web Technologies
School's Out Day with Dolton Sports



ADULT

Art Class with Artventure
Zumba
Men's Basketball
Competitive Volleyball
Hooks & Needles Club
(no registration necessary)
A Novel Bunch Book Club
(no registration necessary)

KNOW YOUR LOCAL WILDLIFE

Winter Survival Skills

Have you ever wondered how our local wildlife makes it through the winter? Our very own state animal, the white-tailed deer changes color with the change of season. The change not only allows them to blend in with their surroundings better but provides them with a life-saving skill. The coat of hair that grows in winter keeps the deer warm so they can remain active. Skunks and raccoons will hibernate which requires them to slow down their heart and breathing to save energy to survive. Some of our smaller wildlife, like frogs and insects, will freeze and defrost back to life when conditions are right. They can do this because their bodies produce natural anti-freeze to ensure they are only partially frozen, leaving their vital organs unfrozen. Our wildlife has amazing survival skills!



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Date: Saturday,
December 6, 2025

Location: Warwick Township
Community Park, 1733
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Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ages: ALL AGES

Cost: FREE

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Warwick Township Fire Company No. 1

Put a **FREEZE** on *Winter Holiday Fires*

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



Warwick Township Fire Company would like to get you ready for the upcoming holidays!

- ✳ It is important to keep in mind some safety measures to keep your holidays safe.
- ✳ Did you know that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving the kitchen?
- ✳ Did you know that one third of home decoration fires are started by candles?
- ✳ Did you know that more than two out of every five fires happen because decorations are placed too close to heat source?
- ✳ What can you do to decrease home fires during the holidays?
- ✳ Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food
- ✳ Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking
- ✳ Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, and curtains away from your stovetop
- ✳ Choose decorations that are flame retardant
- ✳ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn
- ✳ Replace any string lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- ✳ Always turn off decoration lights and blow out candles before going to bed

FACTS

! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.



! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Santa is coming to Warwick!

Follow the fire company on social media for event details! Santa will be visiting the neighborhoods to spread holiday cheer. Members will accept non-perishable food items during the Santa Run. Donations help stock local food pantries.



Would you like to learn more about volunteering at The Warwick Township Fire Company? We welcome you to join us any Tuesday at 7:00pm during our weekly drill night to find out more information. You can contact us online at www.warwickfd.com or call 215-343-9971.

Warwick Township Police Department

E-Bikes, Electric Motorcycles And Scooters

We have posted on social media in the past about issues concerning E-bikes, electric motorcycles and scooters. These issues affect everyone in our community, whether you own one of these vehicles or not. We have seen two serious crashes this year involving these vehicles, and in each crash the operator was a child.

The first crash involved a child on an electric motorcycle passing a school bus with red lights flashing, discharging passengers. The motorcyclist (again, a child approximately 11 years old) crashed into a nine-year-old as she stepped off the bus. She sustained injuries, but they were relatively minor. That was just simple luck.

The second crash involved a 13-year-old boy on an E-bike. This operator failed to stop for a stop sign and crashed into the side of a passing vehicle. The 13-year-old suffered serious injuries, which required treatment at a local trauma center.

Many of these vehicles are sufficiently powerful to meet the definitions of motor vehicles and motorcycles. They need to be equipped with brake lights, head lights and turn signals. Most aren't. Operators need to be licensed and insured. Most aren't. These vehicles often require registration through PennDoT. Most aren't and can't because they don't have the proper equipment.

Note that the Warwick Township Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating our park rules to regulate the use of these vehicles in our parks. Pennsylvania law prohibits their operation on sidewalks. There are very few places where these vehicles can be legally operated.

Parents- don't let your child be the next crash victim! Carefully consider whether these vehicles are appropriate for your child.

PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET												
DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE 	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
MOTOR SCOOTER 	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
SEGWAY 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
E-BIKE 	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
BICYCLE 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

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May 2021

10 Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. (You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)



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