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Change of Season Safety Tips

Kent, Wash – October 6, 2018 – Even the most optimistic must admit that summer and our warm weather are gone until next year.

Changes of season means changes to the way we think. Colder, wetter, and windier weather brings its own challenges that families should prepare for.

Here is your seasonal home safety check list:

- Move combustibles such as bedding away from electric baseboard heaters.
- Have heating appliances such as furnaces, woodstoves, and fireplaces serviced by a professional.
- Make sure you open flues before using your fireplace or woodstove for the first time.
- Unplug portable electric heaters when not using them.
- Use fueled space heaters according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and change the batteries.
- Have flashlights and extra batteries instead of candles for power outages.

Also think about:

- Put away outdoor canopies, umbrellas, or other light-weight things that might blow away.
- Check gutters and nearby storm drains for leaves.
- Have your vehicles professionally winterized.
- Got tire chains? Know how to install them?
- Pack extra clothes, candy/food, and a phone charger in your vehicle.

The Puget Sound RFA wants our community to be safe as we move from summer to fall and winter weather.

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