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For many families, a fireplace is the center of holiday traditions. Some dress it up for Santa's visit, while others cozy up in front of it with cocoa and stories. However your family celebrates, make sure you've prepared your fireplace, and your home, for seasonal safety.

Chimneys should have an annual check up to make sure they are clean and functional inside and out. Burn small, hot fires using seasoned hardwood, and make sure you have a spark screen. Don't forget to install smoke detectors on every level of your home, and change the batteries at least once a year. For more home safety tips, go to www.homesaver.com or www.redcross.org/homefires.

Columbia 9-1-1 wants to make sure you and your family stay safe and healthy throughout the holiday season. Here are a few items on our holiday safety list:

• Use electrical cords with care. Holiday light displays are fun, but be sure to use cords suited to the job.

• Get a flu shot. There's plenty of vaccine this year, so the Center for Disease Control encourages everyone to take this preventive step.

• Dress for the weather. Wear layers so you can add or subtract to suit the conditions and your activity level.

From all of us at Columbia 9-1-1, we hope you have a happy and safe holiday season. We thank you for your continued support. Please enjoy your holiday traditions and know that if emergencies arise, we're here connecting the people who can help with the people who need them. Remember, when seconds count, call 9-1-1 first.



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Holiday Bucks

It's "Holiday Bucks" time again in Vernonia! Promotion runs from Friday, November 21st to Saturday, December 20th, and is open to all ages.

Agalis Computer and Internet Services Barlow Bikes & Boards Black Bear Coffee Company Buckleberry Cottage City of Vernonia Cornerstone Naturals Creatures/Double C Tack Friends of the Library Grey Dawn Gallery Healthmart Pharmacy Jazzercise Karmel's Flower Patch Muffys Enterprises Purchase \$50 in merchandise* from any of the following businesses, fill out your Holiday Bucks card, and enter to win!

Combined purchases accepted. Purchases in increments of \$5 each. See stores for details.

Out on a Limb Pretty Gifts and Things The Clever Cricket The Independent True Value Hardware U.S. Post Office Vernonia Hardware & Supply Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association Vernonia Senior Center Vernonia Senior Center Vernonia Sentry Market Wauna Federal Credit Union - Vernonia West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc.





