

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Thanksgiving Day Fires

Facts:

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires on Thanksgiving Day, occurring more than twice as often than on another day.
- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Thanksgiving Day home fires cause more property damage and claim more lives than home fires on other days.

Safety Tips:

With fire-wise common sense, you can make sure tragedy does not come between you and the festive holiday you have planned. Follow these fire prevention tips to help you and your family enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving:

- Keep smoke detectors on every level of the house, in every bedroom and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms. Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries at least twice a year.
- Have a fire extinguisher available not more than 10 feet from the stove, on the exit side of the room. Make sure that you know how to use your fire extinguisher.
- Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven.



- Keep the kitchen off-limits to young children and adults that are not helping with food preparations.
- When cooking, do not wear dangling jewelry or clothing with loose sleeves.
- Cook on the back burners when possible and turn pot handles in.
- Never leave cooking foods unattended. If you must leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off the stove or have someone else watch what is being cooked.

- Keep Thanksgiving decorations and kitchen clutter away from sources of direct heat.
- If you use a turkey fryer, make sure it is outdoors and in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures that could catch on fire. Also, keep it away from moisture that can cause serious burns from steam or splattering hot oil. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- If candles are part of your holiday decorations:
 - Make sure all candles are out before going to bed or leaving the house.
 - Place candles out of children's reach and where guests will not accidentally brush against them.
 - Place candles in a sturdy fireproof

candleholder where they cannot be knocked over.

- The candle should not have combustible decorations around it.

Sources: American Red Cross, U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Protection Association.



Being Prepared Begins at Home.

Planning ahead for an emergency will give you peace of mind and can keep your family and friends safe. State and local officials are preparing for a range of possible emergencies, from hurricanes and blizzards to a flu pandemic and acts of terrorism. You can help also. Here are some simple steps you can take to prepare.

- ✓ **Family Communication Plan**
Know how your family will contact each other and where you will meet.
- ✓ **Food & Water**
Have **at least** a 3-day food and water supply for each person in your home. Remember individual diet needs and plan for your pets.
 - Bottled Water**
 - 1 gallon, per person and pet, per day
 - Keep in cool, dry place
 - Dry & Canned Foods**
 - Canned fruits, vegetables & meats
 - Manual can opener
 - Juice boxes, canned milk
 - Dried fruit, nuts, crackers, cereal bars
 - Baby food and formula
 - Pet food
- ✓ **First Aid & Tools**
Have a first aid kit with health products and prescription medicine.
 - First Aid**
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 - Bandages, gauze, rubbing alcohol
 - Medical gloves and tape, scissors
 - Pain reliever
 - Health Products**
 - Soap, toilet paper, tooth paste
 - Tools & Special Items**
 - Remember these important items:
 - Flashlight, battery-powered radio
 - Extra batteries
 - Important documents such as birth certificates and bank account numbers
- ✓ **Go Kit (if you need to evacuate)**
Have supplies ready in your car or in a backpack in case you must leave home. Pack lightly and include basic supplies for 24 to 72 hours.
 - A change of clothing
 - First aid supplies
 - Bottled water and cereal bars
 - Prescription medicine
- ✓ **Review**
Every 6 months review your plans and supplies with everyone in your home. Replace expired food, water, and medicine. Update your communication plan.

Calls responded to October 1-31

Fire	1
Emergency Medical Service	30
Hazardous Condition	1
Service Call	7
Good Intent Call	1
False Alarm	2
Total	42

Driving Safety

Can you honestly say that you are traveling our rural roads at a safe speed? No matter what the posted speed limit is, road and weather conditions and time of day always take precedence! With winter weather upon us, temperatures are dropping and roadways are slick. Be extra cautious on corners and shadowed areas. Make sure your headlights are on at all times to ensure visibility. Our local roads are not a race track. Please slow down and plan ahead so that you are traveling safely!



Toy & Joy Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 22- Donation Barrels Out
- Dec. 14- Application Deadline
- Dec. 20- Toy Wrapping, 6-9pm
- Dec. 21- Toy Wrapping, 9am-finished
- Dec. 23- Toy Delivery

Applications are available at Sentry, City Hall and the Library as well as online on the Toy & Joy Facebook page (www.facebook.com/vernonia.toyjoy), or our website (www.vernoniafire.us). Completed applications may be dropped off in the red mailbox in front of the Vernonia Fire Station. Community members are welcome and encouraged to help our elves on wrapping days. Contact Becky Carlton (503-791-3994) to volunteer your time or if you have any other Toy & Joy questions.

DONATION LIST:

- New unwrapped toys for children ages 0-18 years
- Wrapping Paper
- Scotch Tape
- Hygiene Products (please all new and unopened):
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Body wash
 - Hairbrushes/Combs
 - Razors (mens and womens)
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Band-aids
 - Nail Clippers

YOUR TIME



NW Oregon Public Health Preparedness



Check out this link for more information and tools to help you prepare!
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/nationalpreparednessmonth>