

PPFD November PSA

Fall has officially arrived in Pagosa! Now is the time to make sure you and your home are ready for the cooler temperatures.

Carbon Monoxide Detector

Every level of your home should have a working carbon monoxide detector. Possible sources of CO include gas kitchen range, gas water heater, gas or wood fireplace, automobiles running in an attached garage. If your CO detector alarms, leave the building immediately and go outside to fresh air, call emergency services, do not re-enter the building.

Space Heaters

In home fires involving heating equipment, 40% are caused by space heaters. To prevent a fire, ensure space heaters have at least a three-foot radius clear of all flammable items (curtains, blankets, bedding, furniture). Never use a space heater with a worn or frayed power cord. Safeguard the area by locating the space heater in an area where children and pets cannot knock it over.

Clean Chimneys

During the colder months, many people rely on wood or pellet stoves to stay warm. The leading contributing factor to home heating fires is failure to clean heating equipment, primarily chimneys. To avoid a chimney fire, have your chimney cleaned once a year. Only burn approved material (plain, untreated/unfinished wood or pellets) in your stove. Follow the same guidance as space heaters and clear the area of all flammable items.