

Newbold Fire Department
Oneida County, Wisconsin

Press Release

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Fall Chimney Safety

With cold weather and our first snowfall, the Newbold Fire Department would like to remind all residents to please make sure your furnace and chimney is properly maintained and cleaned. Here are some reminders to help prevent chimney fires in your home:

1. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned before each heating season by a qualified person.
2. Burn only dry, seasoned wood in your wood burner. For other types of stoves, use only recommended materials.
3. Never use any type of flammable or combustible liquid to start a fire in your wood burner.
4. Do not burn plastic, garbage, or wood that has been treated with a preservative, paint, or any other chemical in your wood burner.
5. Clean out your wood burner after each use. Place the ashes in a metal container. Place the container away from other combustible materials and outside your home.
6. Be sure to have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide sensor in your home and replace the batteries.

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