

# Fire Safety Tips For Winter Heating

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Here are some statistics to think about when heating your home this winter:

- 905 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2,091,000,000 in property loss occurs from winter home fires.
- 67 percent of winter fires occur in one- and two-family homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- 5 to 8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.




Source: National Fire Incident Reporting System 2009-2011

Below is a list of things you should do before starting your chimney for the season:

- Have the chimney checked by a chimney professional.
- Know how to operate the fireplace or stove.
- Have the right hearth tools and equipment.
- Check your home's fire safety equipment.

For the sake of fire safety, have your chimney checked at least once each year by a chimney professional. Your chimney professional will check to see if the chimney requires cleaning, and will also check for unsafe conditions in the chimney.

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