

### **Electrical Fire Safety Tips**

- ⇒ **NEVER USE A STOVE OR OVEN TO HEAT YOUR HOME**
- ⇒ Never use an extension cord with a major appliance – it can easily overheat and start a fire
- ⇒ Unplug small appliances when you are not using them
- ⇒ Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn
- ⇒ Do not overload wall outlets
- ⇒ Insert plugs fully into sockets
- ⇒ Never force a three-pronged cord into a two slot outlet
- ⇒ Replace worn out, old or damages extension cords immediately
- ⇒ Use extension cords for temporary purposes only
- ⇒ Avoid putting cords where they can be damaged or pinched, like under a carpet or rug

### **Cooking Safety Tips**

- ⇒ Watch what you heat, stay in the kitchen when you are frying or broiling food, and if you simmering, baking, or roasting, or broiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, use a timer as a reminder to check
- ⇒ Keep the stovetop, burner, and oven clean. Clean up spilled food and grease from burners and stove top
- ⇒ Keep children and pets away from the cooking area
- ⇒ Stay alert. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicines that make you drowsy
- ⇒ Never use the stove or oven to heat your home
- ⇒ Double check that the stove/oven are turned off before going to bed or leaving home
- ⇒ If you are cooking and a fire starts, turn off the burner and put a lid on the pan to stop it; never throw water on a grease fire
- ⇒ Prepare an escape plan and practice it twice a year. Make sure that everyone in your family knows the escape plan

### **Tips to Keep Pests Away**

Sanitation plays a very important roll in preventing and eliminating pests.

#### **TIPS:**

**1. Keep kitchen area as clean as possible:**

- **Wash and put away dishes after every use - Wipe down counter tops and sweep floors to get rid of crumbs - Either use a trash can with a very tight fitting lid or take the trash out each night—mop at least one time a week to get rid of spilled liquids and food particles—empty toaster crumbs, wipe down appliances**

**2. Get rid of clutter. Unnecessary clutter will provide harborage for pests.**

- **Throw away card board boxes - Eliminate any unneeded papers, put needed ones in a secure container - Do not put anything under the bed or sofa unless it is in a secure container - Get rid of unused items -**

**3. Report moisture problems immediately.**

- **report leaky faucets— [Call the work order number: 440-288-7400](tel:440-288-7400)**

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