



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Renton Regional Fire Authority

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

November 2022

Daylight Saving's Time Ends

With the end of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 6th, 2022, at 2 A.M., RRFA reminds community members to check the batteries in their smoke alarms to ensure these important fire safety devices are properly functioning. If your alarms have a 10-year battery, they should be tested by pressing the TEST button on the alarm. It's also a good time to check the date on the back of the alarm to ensure your alarm is no older than 10 years. Most newer smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are "10-year" units. A 10-year smoke alarm is powered by a sealed lithium battery that has a lifespan of 10 years. These alarms provide 10 years of continuous protection with no need to replace for the life of the alarm. If you have a unit with 9V or AA batteries, be sure to change the batteries when you change your clocks.



Safety should be a top of the recipe list for Holiday cooking. Did you know that Thanksgiving Day is the peak day of the year for home cooking fires? Cooking equipment, most often range or stove tops are the leading cause of home fires and injuries. As you plan your Thanksgiving menu, here are some fire safety tips to keep in mind.

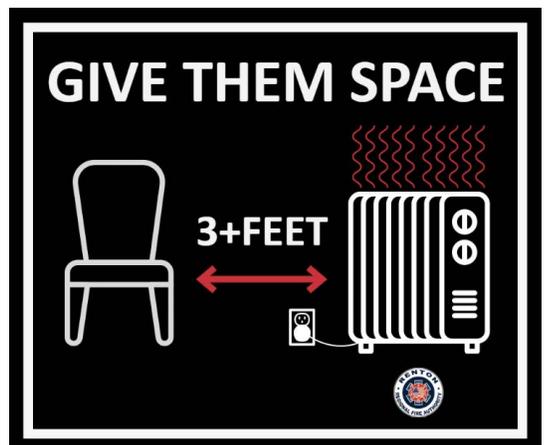
- Be on alert! Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire (i.e oven mitts, paper towels, curtains, wooden utensils, etc away from your stove top.
- Turn the stove burners off if you need to leave the kitchen or house for any period of time.
- Never wear loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Turn pot handles towards the back of the stove to avoid bumping.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door close until it's cool.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. Most cooking fires start when frying food.



Space Heaters:

When used properly, portable space heaters can be great for heating small areas. Ensure you use them safely by following these tips.

- Heaters need space. A fire can start if curtains, furniture, pillows, papers or other items are too close to a heater.
- Keep ALL objects at least 3 feet from portable space heaters.
- Turn space heaters off before going to bed or before leaving the room.
- Portable space heaters should be plugged directly into a wall outlet only and never into an extension cord or power strip.





Significant Incidents

Significant Incident Monthly Summary: October 2022

- 1,717 Total Incidents (RFA Responses)
 - 4 Significant Incidents
 - 0 Significant EMS Calls
 - 3 Significant Fire Calls
 - 1 Significant Special Ops Call
- 15 Significant Malicious False Alarm Calls

Incident Details:

• On Sunday, October 9th, Renton RFA responded to a fire in an abandoned residence in Station 11's area on the 300 block of Wells Ave N. Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District #20 and 4 engines, 2 officer rigs and 1 investigator unit for a total of 15 RFA personnel. Units arrived on scene and got the fire under control. After the crew searched the structure, they declared an "all-clear" and the fire investigator began their investigation.

• On Wednesday, October 12th, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire in Station 11's area on the 400 block of Lind Ave NW. Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District #20, Tukwila Fire, King County Medic One and 4 engines, 2 officer rigs and 1 investigator unit for a total of 15 RFA personnel. Units arrived at a one-story residence with heavy fire and smoke. Residents had evacuated and crews secured the family dog in the basement until it could be safely removed from the structure. Once the fire was put out, crews did a complete search and declared an "all-clear". Fire investigator began their investigation and one unit remained to monitor for any rekindling.

• On Monday, October 17th, Renton RFA responded to a brush fire in Station 17's area at 140th Way & 142nd Pl SE. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound RFA, Tukwila Fire, King County Medic One and 4 engines, 1 brush rig, 1 aid unit and 2 officer rigs for a total of 21 RFA personnel. There was a report of smoke coming from a wooded area with a homeless encampment. The area is overgrown with blackberries and is accessible from a trail underneath power lines. Units responded to a creeping fire and light wind and immediately coordinated their fire attack. A crew was assigned to monitor the fire scene and patrol the area to ensure it did not flare up. Crews continued to monitor the area until the expected rainfall came.

• On Tuesday, October 25th, Renton RFA responded to a trench rescue in King County Fire District (KCFD) #20's jurisdiction on the 7700 block of S Sunnycrest Rd. Renton RFA responded with KCFD #20, Puget Sound RFA, King County Medic One and 1 hazmat unit, 1 engine and 1 officer rig for a total of 7 RFA personnel. Crews arrived to find a patient with a leg injury in a 5-6' deep trench at their residence. All responding units coordinated the rescue operation and safely extricated the patient. KCFD #20 took over the scene and all other units returned to service.

For more information, please visit our website: www.rentonrfa.com