

# FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR HOME

## OUTSIDE

- Secure home and garage areas by locking doors and windows
- Clean up grasses, weeds, litter or anything that can burn from around buildings. Clear carport areas of all combustibles
- Locate dumpsters, recycle bins and yard waste containers at least five feet away from walls and roof eave lines. If possible, keep them in a secured area. Do not allow them to become overfilled
- Commercial customers can call Seattle Public Utilities at (206) 684-7665 to arrange for delivery and installation of locks for recycling and garbage dumpsters
- Trim shrubbery from doors and windows to improve visibility
- Install motion-sensor exterior lights or consider leaving lights on

## INSIDE

- Test smoke alarms to ensure they are working
  - Have a fire escape plan for all family members. Be sure it includes knowing all the exits and an outside meeting place
  - If you have a fire extinguisher, know where it is located and how to use it
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# FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR BUSINESSES/BUILDINGS

## OUTSIDE

- Secure business and garage areas by locking doors and windows
- Clean up wastepaper, grasses, weeds, litter or anything that can burn from around buildings
- Do not allow dumpsters to become overfilled. Locate dumpsters and containers at least five feet away from walls and roof eave lines. Use only metal or metal-lined receptacles
- Place locks on commercial dumpsters or keep in secured area.
- Trim shrubbery from doors and windows to improve visibility
- Install motion-sensor exterior lights

### **Additional tips for construction sites:**

- Secure security fencing at construction sites
- Store solvents, fuels and tools in a locked storage container or remove them from the job site when you are not using them
- Remove trash and debris from the job site
- Try not to store excess materials on the job site
- Secure doors and windows on structures when crews are not actively working on the property

## INSIDE

- Test fire and life safety systems, including fire extinguishers, to ensure they are working and in compliance with codes
- Develop and practice a fire response plan
- Keep exit ways clear of items which could slow evacuation efforts