Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of

- **December**
- **January**
- **February**

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

**Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.**

Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet from any heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.**

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit

- [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter)
- [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter)