



COUNTY OF MONMOUTH OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

May Fire Safety Tips

With Mother's Day and Memorial Day Kicking off the spring season, The Monmouth County Fire Marshalls Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders want you to make sure you remember these spring time Fire Safety tips.

1. Do some spring cleaning!!! Get rid of unnecessary clutter in and around your House that could contribute to fire spread.
2. Inspect gas BBQ! grills before using them. Check for worn or "chewed" hoses. Check for leaves, acorns, nests, etc. under burners. Check to see that hose connections are tight, check for leaks with soap !!
3. Keep BBQ grills away from houses and do not use on balconies!!
4. Have a Fire Extinguisher and/or Garden hose hooked up and nearby.
5. Be careful when using Fire Pits!! Do not use on decks, or near buildings. Be aware of high winds and restricted days. Check with Local Fire Officials about restrictions.
6. If you live in a wild land setting, make sure you have sufficient clearance from your buildings to the woods !! Keep grass mowed and brush away from buildings.
7. Now would be a good time to check your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Fire Extinguishers. Also make sure your House Number is visible from the street.
8. Make sure you store any gasoline or extra Propane tanks safely away from your house as well as mowers, etc. Don't forget to drain the gas and safely store your snow blowers.
9. Remember to let mowers and other machinery cool down before refueling, and do it in a safe place.

The Monmouth County Fire Marshall and Board of Chosen Freeholders Hope you enjoy your picnics and BBQ's this May as we remember the Mothers and those who served our Country. Please do so Carefully!!