



CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LET'S RING IN A FIRE-SAFE NEW YEAR!

If you're like many Americans, you're starting off the New Year with a resolution to improve your health. As you work towards your resolution, consider one additional step to maintain your health: fire prevention! The City of Fernandina Beach Fire Department is urging everyone to make 2016 a healthy and fire-safe year!

Most people say they feel safest at home. But data shows that 83% of all fire deaths in the U.S. occur in homes.

Follow these tips to ring in fire safety this New Year:

- Make sure your home is protected by working smoke alarms. Half of all home fire deaths happen at night when people are sleeping.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace your smoke alarms when they're 10 years old.
- Cooking is the main cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Make safety your first ingredient; stay in the kitchen when you are cooking at high temperatures. Fires start when the heat gets too high. Turn the burner off if you see any smoke or the grease begins to boil.
- If you have children living or visiting in your home look for fire and burn dangers from their point of view. Never leave lighters or matches where children can reach them.
- Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:
 - ♦ Be safe. Go to a public show put on by experts if you want to see fireworks.
 - ♦ Do not use consumer fireworks.
 - ♦ Keep a close watch on children at events where fireworks are used.

Sparklers Are Fun but Beware Of the Burn

Water boils at 212° F

Cakes bake at 350° F

Wood burns at 575° F

Glass Melts at 900° F

****Sparklers burn at 1,200° F****

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