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

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.

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/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/