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STAY SAFE AND WARM THIS FALL

It has been a long, hot summer, but as the days get shorter and the temperature turns chilly, furnaces and fireplaces will soon be put into use. To help everyone stay cozy and safe during the cooler autumn season, the Township of Langley Fire Department urges residents take a few moments to do the following:

- At least once a year, have qualified professionals inspect and service the furnace, and inspect and clean the chimneys and vents.
- When using a wood fireplace or wood stove, use wood that is dry and seasoned.
- Ensure the fireplace screen is metal or made of heat-tempered glass. Check to see if it is in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- When using a portable space heater, make sure it has an automatic shut off and is plugged directly into an electrical outlet.
- Place space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, such as bedding, paper, walls - and people.
- Children should be taught to stay at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters.
- Make sure smoke alarms are placed on every level of the home, inside each bedroom, and outside every sleeping area. For best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnecting, so when one sounds they all sound.
- Once a month, test all smoke alarms to make sure they are working, and change the battery if necessary.
- Carbon monoxide alarms should be placed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. Test them once a month to make sure they are working.

For more fire safety tips visit tol.ca/firesafety or call the Township of Langley Fire Department at 604.532.7500.