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PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY WITH HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS

Are you building a new house or remodelling your existing home?

If so, consider investing in safety and saving money by adding in a home fire sprinkler system.

“These systems help save lives and property,” said Township of Langley Fire Chief Stephen Gamble. “When a home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system, the risk of dying in a home fire decreases by about 80 per cent, and property loss is reduced by 70 per cent.”

As well, having a home fire sprinkler system may reduce homeowners’ insurance premiums.

“Some people think that sprinklers can be activated by simply burning toast, or that excessive amounts of water is used,” Gamble said. “However, the sprinkler will only be activated by the high temperature of a fire, and the systems use about ten per cent of the water that firefighters would use to contain a blaze.”

Not only do they reduce water usage and run-off incurred when fighting a fire, home fire sprinkler systems are easy to maintain and decrease both fire damage and pollution.

Those using home sprinklers should inspect their homes and ensure there are no blockages that could prevent water from coming out, such as paint, and ensure the main control valve is always on.

Home sprinklers can be affected by cold and warm climates, and guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid freezing pipes. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same way as a domestic water supply.

For more information, call the Township of Langley Fire Department at 604.532.7500 or visit tol.ca/firesafety.