



# FIRE SAFETY



The HOA office receives many calls concerning Fire Safety and Insurance Coverage. Please read this notice, and if you have any questions, please contact us at 469-4018.

## SMOKE DETECTORS:

- Most have a useful life of 10 Years. When was the last time you checked your batteries or smoke detector?

## CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR:

- Carbon monoxide is ***deadly and odorless***

## FLAMMABLE ITEMS STORED IN GARAGE:

- Excessive storage of gasoline, oil based solvents, oil based paints, propane tanks, welding tanks or other potentially explosive commercial items can be hazardous and may invalidate your insurance coverage. ***Propane tanks should always be stored outside.***

## AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS:

- Any potentially hazardous activities in attached garages are prohibited.

## EACH DRYER IS CONNECTED TO AN OUTSIDE VENT:

- This vent must be checked for lint buildup/clogs and cleaned yearly or more often if you do large amounts of laundry. ***It is not sufficient to just clean the dryer lint filter.*** The pipe to the outside vent is where lint can build up, causing a restriction. A restriction in the vent system can cause lint to back up inside the dryer...this is a potential fire hazard. Finally, a dryer vent clogged with lint reduces airflow so you dryer does not dry as efficiently as it should. An inefficient dryer utilizes more energy, costing you more money.

## CHANGE FURNACE FILTER MONTHLY AND HAVE THE FURNACE CLEANED ANNUALLY:

- The area around your furnace, hot water heater or dryer should not be used as a storage area. These gas-operated units have open flames and require proper air circulation to operate. The louvered doors to the laundry room are in place to provide ventilation to these appliances.

## ELECTRICAL OUTLETS:

- Electric outlets which cause flickering of lights, or are warm to the touch, should be checked by an electrician. ***Loose or overloaded wiring can cause fires.***

## DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF/BEHIND YOUR GARAGE:

- Driveways are considered Fire Lanes.

## HOMEOWNERS/TENANT INSURANCE:

Ask your insurance agent if your policy is an HO-6 or equivalent. Do not assume you are adequately insured. ***When was the last time you upgraded your homeowners or tenant insurance?***

**If your action or inaction contributes to a loss, it could partly  
invalidate your insurance coverage!**