



Fall Furnace Fire Safety Reminders:

As temperatures drop and heating systems come back online, the Painesville Township Fire Department wants to remind all residents to prepare their furnaces for safe, efficient use this winter. A few simple steps can greatly reduce the risk of home fires and carbon monoxide hazards during the heating season.

Schedule an Annual Furnace Inspection Before the cold weather fully sets in, have your furnace serviced by a qualified HVAC technician. Annual tune-ups help identify problems such as dirty burners, worn parts, or fuel leaks—common causes of furnace-related fires.

Replace or Clean Furnace Filters Dirty or clogged filters restrict airflow and can cause the furnace to overheat. Replace filters every 1–3 months (or as recommended by your unit's manufacturer) to ensure safe and efficient operation.

Keep the Furnace Area Clear

Store nothing within three feet of your furnace. Items such as cardboard boxes, clothing, gasoline, cleaning products, or paint should be kept well away from any heat-producing appliance.

Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms This is the perfect time to replace batteries, test all alarms, and ensure you have smoke detectors on every level of your home and CO alarms near sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide incidents increase during heating season—early detection saves lives.

Check Vents and Exhaust Pipes Make sure your furnace vents and chimney are free of debris, leaves, nests, or snow buildup. Proper ventilation prevents carbon monoxide from backing up into the home.

Report Warning Signs Immediately If you notice unusual noises, persistent odors, soot around the furnace, or difficulty keeping the system running, shut the unit down and call a professional.

Avoid DIY Repairs Furnace repairs and adjustments should only be handled by trained technicians. Improper fixes can lead to severe fire and carbon monoxide dangers.

Staying warm should never mean compromising safety. Taking these steps now will help ensure a safe and comfortable home throughout the fall and winter months.

If you have questions about heating safety, please contact the Painesville Township Fire Department.

HOME HEATING SAFETY

It's important to stay smart and safe as the temperatures drop during the fall and winter seasons. Here are some home heating safety tips and steps to follow so you and your family can stay safe.

- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported, free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid, or does it have cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.
- Keep a 36 inch clearance around all heaters.
- Plug all space heaters directly into outlets. **DO NOT** use extension cords.
- Never leave your fireplace unattended.
- Do not use your stove to heat your home.
- Make sure to test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Snow Fall Reminders:



Reminder:
Please remember when there is new snowfall exceeding 2 inches, parking on the street is prohibited.

Our plow drivers are busy clearing the streets, and parked cars make it difficult to

clear the streets safely.

Brush, Leaf and Yard Waste

The last day for brush drop off is Saturday, December 6th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The second and final round of residential curbside leaf pickup is scheduled for December 6.



Please have your **BAGGED** leaves at the curb by 7:30 AM. Paper, recyclable bags only: plastic bags and loose piles will not be picked up. This collection is a one time pass.

Curbside Christmas Tree pickup will run from January 5 through January 30, 2026.

Please place your tree by the curb, free of all ornaments and decorations.



Winter is Coming....

Winter is almost upon us, so now is a good time to inspect your mailbox and the area around it in anticipation of plow season.

Painesville Township's Mailbox Guidelines for Snow Removal

Inspecting Your Mailbox

Property owners are encouraged to inspect their mailboxes and posts prior to the winter season each year and to replace or repair deteriorated mailboxes or posts to ensure their durability. Your mailbox should be designed and constructed to stand up to the rigors of the winter plowing season.

Design

Massive supports such as telephone poles, heavy metal posts, bricks, antique farm equipment or other similar items are considered hazards and should not be used. Any mailbox support should be designed so that if it is struck, it will bend,

break or fall away from the striking vehicle to prevent severe damage to the vehicle or injury to the traveling public.

Repair or Replacement

The Painesville Township Service Department makes every effort to protect the integrity of property owner's mailboxes. However, during periods of heavy snow accumulation, mailboxes are sometimes damaged as a result of winter plowing operations. On most occasions they are knocked down or damaged by the force of the snow coming off the plow.

Please note: Painesville Township will not replace non-standard, specialty or exotic type mailboxes, and will only use breakaway type posts (4" X 4" timber posts) and a standard U.S. Postal Service approved light weight steel mailbox. Reapplication of numbers and lettering is the homeowner's responsibility.

Reporting a Damaged Mailbox:

Since roadways within the township are maintained by many different agencies, please visit our website to see who is responsible for maintaining your road to ensure you are contacting the correct agency.

To report damage done to your mailbox as a result of winter plowing operations by Painesville Township *please complete the Damaged Mailbox Form*. We will reach out to you ASAP.



Dates to Remember:

December 2 - Trustee meeting @ 7:30 pm

December 6 - Curbside leaf pickup

December 16 - Trustee meeting @ 11:00 am

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Town Hall closed

December 25 - Christmas - Town Hall closed

January 1 - New Year's Day - Town Hall closed





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