

Windsor Fire & Rescue Services Home Fire & Burn Safety Checklist



Smoking

- __ Only large, deep, non-tip ashtrays used
- __ Metal container used for ashes & butts
- __ No smoking in bed
- No smoking while lying down
- ___ No smoking when sleepy
- ___ No smoking while using gasoline
- No smoking when oxygen is in use
- No smoking after consuming alcohol or after taking medication causing drowsiness
- Cigarette butts doused with water before discarding them in metal container

Heaters

- Nothing within 1 metre of a heater, furnace, stove or fireplace
- Heating system inspected by certified technician annually
- Electric heaters have auto-shutoff for tipping or overheating
- Portable heaters turned off before leaving room or going to bed
- Heavy-duty extension cords used for portable heaters, when required

Electrical

- No electrical cords placed under rugs or carpets
- No cords running across doorways
- No cracked or frayed electrical cords
- Heavy-duty extension cords used for high wattage appliances (freezer, heater, air conditioner, etc.)
- No "permanent" extension cords present
- __ All electrical appliances carry CSA approval
- ___ No electrical outlets are overloaded
- Switch plates are on all switches and outlets
- No electric blankets in poor condition
- No heating pads in poor condition
- ___ No electrical appliances near tubs or sinks

Kitchen

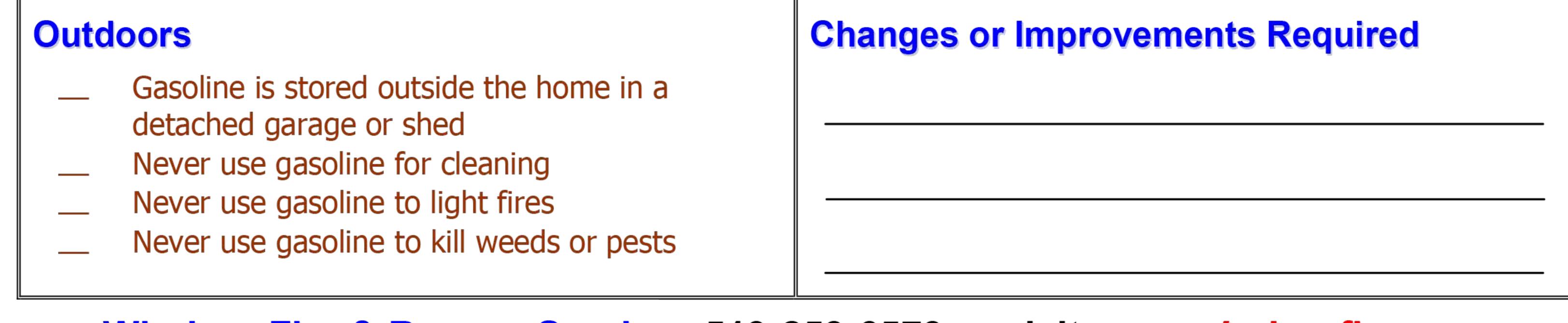
- ___ Kitchen area is uncluttered
- Stove, oven and appliances are clean, free of grease build-up and in good working condition
- Oven mitts and pot holders are easily accessible
- Handles on pots and pans are secure and in good condition
- Always wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes when cooking
- Always turn pot handles away from the edge of the stove
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Always have pot lids near the stove to cover a pan fire

Other Safety Issues

- Working smoke alarms on every storey of home and outside sleeping areas
- Smoke alarms tested monthly, vacuumed semiannually and batteries changed annually
- Have a home fire escape plan and practiced it with all members of the family
- Walkways, hallways and escape routes are free of clutter and obstructions
- Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required by law outside of each sleeping area if there are fuelburning appliances in the home (eg. forced air gas furnace, gas water heater, natural gas stove and/or fireplace, or an attached garage) Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- __ CO alarms tested monthly, and batteries changed annually

Burn Treatment

- __ If clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP & ROLL
- __ If smoke alarm sounds get out of house immediately
- Cool all burns with cool running water for 5 minutes or longer
- Do not put butter or ice on a burn cool water only
- __ For serious burns call 911



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