

ASK THE EXPERT:

****Attention all readers!!!! If you have a plumbing or heating question, please call our office! We may use your question in the paper! ****

After being at a call following a house fire last week, our technicians suggested that it would be a great idea to share some electrical safety reminders to follow during these cold winter months in this column.

- - Use portable heaters safely - no extension cords, keep away from flammable items and do NOT leave them unattended
- - Monitor Usage - Don't overload circuits - use newer power strips sparingly and distribute devices across different circuits.
- - Increase Humidity - Use a humidifier to reduce static electricity
- - Test Alarms - Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- - Call a PRO - Call and have us come out and address buzzing, sparking, or consistently tripping breakers immediately to prevent fires
- - Check Exterior Outlets - Ensure covers are intact and watertight; use GFCI outlets where needed
- - Inspect and Upgrade - Have your electrical panel and wiring inspected, especially in older homes, and consider an upgrade if overloaded or concerns are found.
- - Inspect Extension Cords and Power Strips for any visible damage and never connect multiple extension cords or power strips.
- - Make sure power strips or extension cords are not covered by, close to, or rubbing against items. If you are not using an extension cord or power strip UNPLUG IT!

We truly care about our customers and do not ever want to come and do work for you following easily preventable accidents, damage, or a fire. Please be safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and your families!

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