



Make Home Safety Your New Year's Resolution

Follow the Consumer Protection Safety Commission's tips to keep you and your family safe throughout the year.

January	February	March	April	May	June
Home Heating Have your heating system and chimneys checked. Install a CO detector.	Burn Awareness Store Flammable liquids in containers with child-resistant caps.	Poison Prevention Use containers with child-resistant caps for medications and chemicals. Keep out of reach and site of children.	Helmet Safety Make sure you and your kids use appropriate helmets for bikes, scooters and ATVs and know the safety rules.	Electrical Safety Inspect cords for wear. And don't use worn or damaged cords. Insert plastic safety caps into unused outlets.	Drowning Prevention If you have a pool or spa, make sure you have layers of protection (fences or other barriers).
July	August	September	October	November	December
Fireworks Safety Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks. Even sparklers can cause serious burns.	Back to School Safety Make sure children go to school in clothing without drawstrings and with non-toxic supplies.	Baby Safety Check you baby's sleeping area: remove pillows; inspect cribs for instability; do not add extra padding; and make sure they do not have access to cords for blinds and shades.	Fire Safety Have smoke alarms in each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on each floor, and make sure they have fresh batteries. Prepare and practice family fire drills.	Toy Shopping Safety Buy age appropriate toys and check for recalled products.	Holiday Decorating Safety Water trees daily, and check lights for exposed or frayed wires. Never burn candles in unoccupied areas and keep away from combustible materials.

Eliminate the Risk of Carbon-Monoxide Poisoning in Your Home

The winter months and use of fuel for heating increases the potential for elevated carbon monoxide levels. Hundreds die every year from CO poisoning.

Techniques to reduce the risk of CO poisoning include:

- Have a professional inspect and clean heating systems.
- Install CO alarm(s) with battery backup outside sleeping areas.
- Test CO alarm(s) and replace batteries.
- Do not use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted.
- Never use gasoline-powered engines in enclosed spaces.
- Never idle a vehicle in your garage.
- Don't sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene heater.
- Use an outside vented exhaust fan vented over gas stoves.
- Ensure doors on wood stoves fit properly.

Prevent Stormwater Pollution



Rainfall runoff water can carry everything from plastic bags to pesticides into streams. Stormwater pollutants are a major cause of contamination to our water ways.

You can help safeguard our waterways by preventing pollution from enter streams,

lakes and

rivers in the following ways:

Clean and maintain your car

- Wash you car using car washes that recycle water for proper wastewater disposal.
- Check your vehicles for leaks and repair quickly. Clean up spilled fluids using an absorbent material like kitty litter. Never rinse the spills into storm drains.

Properly dispose of household waste

- Always properly dispose of trash. Dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) by

finding recycling centers in your area. Community collection programs can offer better disposal options for safely disposing of HHW. Find one-day collection events in your area at www.cleanup.org.

Take care of your lawn and garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When necessary, use chemicals in recommended amounts. Don't apply if rain is forecast to prevent washing chemicals into local streams.

Find more ways to keep our waterways clean, at www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/solution_to_pollution.pdf

Individuals Directed and Hid Illegal Asbestos Removal

A federal grand jury indicted two project managers of violating the Clean Air Act. The charges stem from allegations the owner, his company and the project managers, directed and caused workers to illegally remove and dispose of asbestos during demolition of a hospital complex.

The Clean Air Act requires contractors who remove asbestos from public buildings to follow

federally-established work practice standards to ensure safe removal of asbestos.

The indictment alleges that the owner and project managers had company employees remove asbestos from the hospital complex without ensuring that the asbestos was kept adequately wet or properly disposed. It is also alleged that the owner caused employees to perform illegal asbestos removal at other sites, including

schools, and that the owner hid the illegal asbestos removal from federal agencies. He failed to provide notification to the EPA before performing the asbestos removal, gave false statement to OSHA inspections, and provided false notification to the EPA.

If convicted, they could each spend 5 years in prison and be ordered to pay \$250,000 for each count of the 18-count indictment.