

JULY

Monthly Home Maintenance

REDUCE FIRE RISK INDOORS

Check for frayed cords and wires around your home. Clean the stove and oven to help prevent kitchen fires, and be sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby that has not expired. Check smoke detectors (for the second time this year) to ensure they're working properly. In the garage, keep all combustible materials like paint and gasoline in their original containers.

ESTABLISH A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

What are the best escape routes from your home if there is a fire? Where will you meet if you need to evacuate quickly and not everyone is at home? Discuss the plan with everyone in the family and make sure young children know how to dial 911 if needed. Check your disaster supply kit to make sure it's fully stocked with items like batteries for flashlights, canned food, bottled water, medicines, a battery-powered radio, and a first-aid kit.

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