



HOME INSPECTION CHECKLIST

FIRE SAFETY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Make Your Place.....Fire Safe!

Are you and your loved ones safe from fire? Would everyone know what to do if a fire occurred in your home?

Most fatal fires occur in the home, where everyone feels safe and secure. What makes this worse is that many of these victims could still be alive today if they had taken a few simple steps to prevent these fatal fires. A home fire can start in many different ways and you must try to eliminate all possible fire hazards.

The **Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Services** wants to make sure that your home is free from all life-threatening fire hazards and that you are prepared if a fire occurs in your home. Take a few minutes to ask yourself the following questions. If you answer 'no' to any of them, you may have a serious fire hazard in your home or lack the necessary knowledge and equipment to protect your family from fire.

If you need assistance, please contact the **Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Services** at 807-226-5241 or 1-888-408-3812.

Fire Escape Planning	Yes	No	Electrical	Yes	No	Housekeeping	Yes	No
1. Does your family have a fire escape plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Do you check your electrical cords and plugs for damage and wear?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Do you keep your basement storeroom, garage and yard clear of rubbish and other combustible waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the plan practiced regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Are extension cords being used only as a temporary measure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Is all necessary storage kept away from sources of heat, such as the furnace, radiators and portable heaters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does your family have a meeting place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Are you sure that extension cords and circuits are not overloaded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel Safety		
4. Does everyone know two ways out of all areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Are only 15 amp fuses used on lighting and small household appliance circuits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1. Are all flammable liquids, solvents and adhesives stored in approved containers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke Alarms			Family Safety					
1. Does your home have at least one smoke alarm on every level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Are matches and lighters kept out of sight and out of reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Are these items stored and used in well-ventilated areas, away from children, sparks or heat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are the smoke alarms tested regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Do you keep a proper-fitting lid close at hand when cooking? (If a grease fire starts, carefully cover the pan with the lid to smother the flames.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Do you store all gasoline and gasoline-powered appliances outside the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Extinguishers			3. Children may get burned climbing onto the stove to reach an item overhead. Do you store cookies or other temptations away from the stove?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If, in spite of everything, you do have a fire, remember these important points:		
1. Do you have an adequate multi-purpose fire extinguisher available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heating Safety			* Alert everyone in the house/apartment and follow your escape plan.		
2. Do you know how to use it properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Do you have your furnace, pipes and chimney cleaned and checked by a qualified specialist before each heating season?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	* Call the fire department as soon as possible from a safe location.		
Cooking			2. Do you keep portable space heaters at least one metre (three feet) away from drapes, couches, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If you need assistance in preparing a fire escape plan, or if you have any questions concerning fire safety, contact the Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Services at 807-226-5241 or 1-888-408-3812.		
1. Is your stove kept clean and free of grease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Is your fireplace equipped with a close-fitting metal fire screen or heat-tempered glass doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2. When cooking, do you avoid wearing loose clothing with long sleeves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Are ashes for disposal kept in metal containers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3. Do you keep paper towels, tea cloths, curtains and other combustibles away from the stove and other heat sources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
4. Is cooking supervised closely to prevent fires and boiling-over? (This could extinguish a gas flame, causing a health hazard or resulting in an explosion.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
5. Do you turn pot handles inward when cooking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Your Forest Home and Cottage



Spring Check List

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| Mark the entrance to your property with a sign that can easily be seen and read. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Store firewood away from buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rake dead grass, leaves and branches from around buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use an insulated chimney, complete with spark arrestor and rain cap. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clean leaves and needles from eavestroughs and roof. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Put skirting or one-quarter inch wire mesh around open foundations. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cut grass short around your buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clear a 1 metre (3 foot) strip down to sand or gravel around all buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remove accumulated material by utilizing one or more of the following methods: | | Clear a fire break 9 metres (30 feet) around buildings, or on a downward slope. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1. Compost leaves and needles. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Beyond 9 metres (30 feet) remove dead woody material and thin out understory. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Chip material and use as a mulch. | <input type="checkbox"/> | When constructing or making building repairs, consider using materials that are fireproof or fire retardant. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Haul material to local landfill site. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Set up a fire watch with neighbors. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Burn woody material. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have reliable communications and keep the local fire reporting number handy. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Note: Very Important | | Develop a fire escape plan to be followed in the event of a serious wildfire. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you plan to burn, contact the Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Municipal Office, Fire Rescue Services or the Ministry of Natural Resources for information regarding local burning regulations. | | | |
| Keep fire suppression equipment handy - fire extinguishers, water hoses, buckets and shovels. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Instruct children about the hazards of playing with matches. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Store materials that catch fire easily 9 metres (30 feet) from all buildings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Services	807-226-5241 Business Office
Fire Rescue Services and Ambulance Emergencies	274-2233 Nestor Falls area 226-1021 Sioux Narrows area
To Report a Forest Fire (Ministry of Natural Resources)	1-888-284-3473
Public Safety Emergencies* (Ontario Provincial Police) <i>*Including life-threatening nuisance bear emergencies.</i>	1-888-310-1122
To Report a Nuisance Bear* (Ministry of Natural Resources) <i>*Non-life-threatening situations.</i>	1-866-514-2327
