# Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

**me fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy a rm this winter season, be fire smart!**




**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** reported home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.




Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any hea source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



ep portable generators **outside,** **vay from windows, and as far** **ay as possible** from your home.




Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month.**



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outle at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

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For more information on to prevent winter fires, **www.usfa.fema.gov/wi** and **www.nfpa.org/winte**