



Fire Prevention

It's everybody's business in Chattahoochee Hills

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Working together is a hallmark of fire departments, not just among our fire crews but with residents and civilians. Your fire department exists to protect you, but the best protection is the preventative measure you implement.

Here are two serious tips worth considering and immediate action ...



Greg Brett, Fire Chief

Clothes washers and dryers



U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated 15,970 home fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines each year. These fires result in annual losses estimated at 13 civilian deaths, 440 civilian injuries, and \$238 million in direct property damage.

Facts and figures

- Clothes dryers account for approximately 92% of appliance fires; washing machines 4%, and washer and dryer combinations accounted for 5%.
- The leading factor contributing to the ignition of home fires involving clothes dryers was failure to clean, accounting for one-third (33%) of dryer fires. Clean today! Clean each week!
- A mechanical or electrical failure or malfunction was involved in the vast majority of home fires involving washing machines. Repair or replace malfunctioning appliances.
- Fires involving clothes dryers usually started with the ignition of something that was being dried or was a byproduct (such as lint) of drying, while washing machine fires usually involved the ignition of some part of the appliance.

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.



Here's what you need to know!

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound. Get out!
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.