

Fire Safety Tips From Orange Blossom Home Inspection For Home Owners:

- 1) Don't install bedrooms next to kitchens or garages. These are the 1st and 2nd most likely places that fires occur.
- 2) Door from the home to the garage shall be fire rated 1 3/8 inch solid core door, (no holes or glass) and with self-closing hinges.
- 3) Any stored flammable materials (gas, spray cans, and combustion products) shall be contained in non-flammable storage on a closed shelf or box.
- 4) If there is attic access in the home, it shall not be a wood or plywood material. Only fire-rated material.
- 5) No unfinished walls or ceilings in the home.
- 6) Any holes (Ex. ceiling fans/Light fixtures) in the ceiling of the home shall be filled with fire-rated foam or caulking
- 7) Any condominium or townhouse that shares an attic shall have a completely enclosed fire separation wall that will be fully sealed without gaps.
- 8) Extension cords should never be used for permanent wiring to an electrical device.
- 9) Do not have keyed style deadbolts installed in the home. Turn style only.
- 10) Always have a fire escape plan for your family. Update when needed and have family meetings on the plan. Keep all bushes trimmed. Have bedroom windows working for escape routes.
- 11) Smoke detectors at bedroom and kitchen with 2 fire extinguishers (kitchen and garage)
- 12) Fireplace mantle shall be no less than 12in from the firebox. Flammable materials such as flooring shall be no less than 16in from the hearth.
- 13) Have chimney flue cleaned every 50 uses.
- 14) Always have gas lines protected from physical damage/rupture (heat, stove, and water heater). Have lines tested yearly for connection leaks.
- 15) Do not overload electric outlets. Standard outlets have 2 connections. The exception is a rated electrical strip.
- 16) Make sure all electrical appliances/fixtures have plugs and wire that is in excellent condition. (Example pet chew plug or wire)
- 17) Never have flammable materials near or at the stovetop level.
- 18) Use space heaters as designed.
- 19) If you live near forests or heavily vegetated areas, always keep a minimum fire break distance of 75 to 100 feet.
- 20) Be safe.....Microwave popcorn takes 2 mins on average!!! 8 p