



SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Wildland fire risk is lowest in the winter when fuels are cold and there is snow cover. Home fires occur year-round and chimney fires are more common in the winter.

Toss out those dried up natural wreaths, garland, and Christmas trees in the trash or the landfill; don't burn or discard them in any outdoor area on GRR. If you forgot to change your smoke detector batteries at Thanksgiving, the New Year is a great time to do so.

Many of us think about our health in the aftermath of holiday over-indulgences. Along with those plans or resolutions, please devote a few moments to create a document emergency medical providers can use in case you have a medical emergency. You can do this on your own, but GRR Fire has made this simple with the My Medical History from the GRR Fire Website: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>. A list of your medical problems, allergies, and medications can save time and your life in an emergency.

If you have a medical emergency, **CALL 911. Don't call the Chief or a firefighter;** that will only delay the response. Calling 911 activates the County Emergency Medical System (EMS) which includes dispatching available EMS providers and firefighters and an AMR ambulance. If the ambulance is not needed, EMS personnel will cancel it without charge to you. You cannot call AMR directly to request an ambulance.

We are always on the lookout for GRR residents interested in becoming firefighters, emergency medical providers, or reservists. If you are interested, please contact us at admin@grrfd.org.

Please visit the GRR Fire Department website to learn more: <http://www.grrfd.org/>.