



BUMPASS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wood Heat Checklist

Chimney fire signs, yearly inspection, ashes

CHIMNEY FIRE? GET OUT AND CALL 911

- ☐ Loud cracking or popping, dense smoke, an intense hot smell.
- ☐ Flames or sparks from the top; a rumble like a freight train.

EVERY YEAR

- ☐ Chimney inspected by a qualified professional; swept or repaired as needed.
- ☐ Date of last inspection: _____

EVERY FIRE

- ☐ Seasoned wood only; damper open; do not overload the firebox.
- ☐ Sturdy screen in place; 3 feet clear around the fireplace or stove.
- ☐ Working smoke and CO alarms.

ASHES

- ☐ Cooled, in a metal container, kept a safe distance from the house.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911. Get out first, then call.

Non-emergency questions: 540-872-2400 | bumpassfire.org/safety/chimney-and-wood-stove-safety

Sources: CSIA, Preventing Chimney Fires; NFPA, Heating Safety tip sheet (PDF).