



UNIVERSAL CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL FIRE INSPECTION

The Universal City Fire Department will provide a free home fire inspection to residents of our community. If you would like to schedule an inspection please call 659-0333 Ext. 785 and schedule the inspection with the administration office.

Below is a list of the items that we will inspect during our visit.

EXTERIOR

Inspect all outside GFCI outlets for damaged weatherproof covers and/or obvious wire damage. General housekeeping, clearing entries and exits of obstacles. Locate and inspect power and gas shutoff. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.

LIVING, DINING, AND FAMILY ROOMS

Inspect all living area outlets for damaged covers and check all cords and plugs for possible damage. Inspect all lighting for proper light covers and damage to the ceiling around the fixture. If the residence has natural gas, a carbon monoxide alarm should be present on every level of the residence near the gas operated device (water heater, central heating unit). Inspect rooms for possible extension cords and overloaded outlets; advise resident of the hazards with overloading outlets, suggest surge protectors. Inspect audio, video, and computer equipment for surge protectors. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.

KITCHENS

Check for smoke alarm in or around this area Check for a fire extinguisher in or around this area; if one is not present, we recommend that one be purchased and installed. Advise the resident of placing area rugs on the floor in this area with non-slip backs for safety. Check for childproof safety latches on all cabinets with cleaning material in them. Check gas valve behind stove. Check for GFCI outlets in the kitchen area, this is a MUST! If the kitchen appliances are natural gas, check for individual gas shut off valves for each appliance. The range vent should be kept free of built up grease. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage. All electrical appliances should be kept free from the sink area. A list of emergency numbers should be located prominently near the phone.

BATH ROOMS

Advise the resident of possibly placing an up-to-date first aid kit in this area. Check for excessive hot water temperatures. Grab bars within easy reach in each tub if possible. Childproof latches on cabinets containing cleaning materials. Electrical outlets should be GFCI

outlets. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.

FURNACE CLOSET

A smoke alarm should be present in/or close to this area, a carbon monoxide detector also should be present if natural gas is within 15 feet of this room. Check to insure that vent piping on gas heater units is in place and in good condition. Suggest resident have unit inspected by qualified technician on an annual basis. Check for clean filter, recommend changing it out monthly.

BEDROOMS

Recommend a smoke alarm for each bedroom and main hallway. Recommend carbon monoxide detectors in or near each bedroom. If bedrooms are on the upper floor, recommend a fire escape ladder for each bedroom. A list of emergency numbers posted near any telephones. Check for a flashlight in bedrooms. Inspect rooms for possible extension cords and overloaded outlets; advise resident of the hazards with overloading outlets, suggest surge protectors. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.

LAUNDRY ROOMS

Check that the dryer is free of excess lint inside the unit and free of lint & clothes behind the unit. Make sure that dryer vent is free of lint and other debris. If dryer is a gas unit, insure that shut off valve is in place and operational. Insure that there are no hazardous chemicals stored in this room. Insure water lines/valves are free of leaks. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.

GARAGE

If water heater is in the garage, insure vent pipes are in place. Suggest resident have water heater checked by qualified technician if needed. Make sure that flammable liquids are not stored in the garage. If flammable liquids must be stored in the garage, insure that they are stored in proper containers with lids or caps to control vapors and away from the gas water heater (if applicable). Suggest resident purchase an additional fire extinguisher for the garage. (Type 2A10BC/5lb.) If resident has automatic garage door opener, insure that it has an electric eye to prevent garage door from coming down if something or someone is under the door. If not present, suggest resident purchase one made for their brand of door opener or have one installed. Electrical outlets equipped with GFCI. A first aid kit. Check light fixtures to insure the wattage of the bulb in the fixture matches or is lower than the manufacturer's maximum suggested bulb wattage.