

How to be **FIRELESS** on **FIRE ISLAND**

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Life & Home Saving Rules

- Make sure everyone in your house knows the house number and street address.
- Make sure your house number is easily visible to fire and EMS responders.
- Have smoke detectors on each floor of your house. Change the batteries in smoke detectors at the beginning and end of the season. Date battery with a marker.
- Have 2 fire extinguishers in plain sight at the ready. Mark expiration date.
- Keep a 50 ft hose with a nozzle on the outside of the house, and a shovel in sight.
- Place grills away from the house on a fire-retardant mat, near a hose, and not under an overhang.
- Never leave a mirror in an outside shower in direct sun light.
- Have a surge protector on all electric outlet strips.
- Clean your dryer vent lint trap after every use.
- Never leave the house with dryer or dishwasher running. They operate with heating elements that can cause a fire.
- Corroded receptacles and switches should be replaced since they can heat up.
- Keep paper products and dish towels away from kitchen stove .
- Do not allow bed cloths, bath towels, etc. to hang over baseboard or fan forced heaters.
- Periodically have electric heaters vacuumed out by an electrician, with the circuit breaker off
- Have your chimney inspected once a year for creosote buildup. Keep a fire-retardant mat on the floor in front of the fireplace to catch sparks
- If your house has only one staircase to exit, then have an accessible rope ladder upstairs.
- Conduct fire drills in your house, especially with your kids. Be sure everyone knows your house address, safe exits and where to gather, once outside.

If there is a fire or medical emergency Call **911 immediately**