

## Homeowners Association Update – November 2015

Power outages are a common occurrence in the winter months. With winter coming, everyone is encouraged to “*Take Winter by Storm*” by getting ready now and staying ready. Go to [www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org) for ways to prepare your family, home and vehicle for winter and inclement weather.

### Winter Weather Preparation Tips

- Have heating systems checked by a professional.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Clean storm drains.
- Install and/or replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms (per the manufacturer’s recommendations).
- Have chimneys cleaned.
- Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Disconnect all garden hoses.
- Insulate exposed plumbing and pipes.
- Have trees trimmed if branches hang too close to the house or electrical wires.
- Add flashlights with extra batteries to emergency supplies.
- Check your disaster supply kits:
  - Make sure you have extra bottled water, non-perishable food supplies, blankets, first aid kit and food to sustain you and your family for at least three (3) days. Also remember supplies and food for your pets.

### Winter Home Heating Reminders

Heating your home during the colder months of the year can prove dangerous, if you do not follow a few simple safety precautions.

- Check baseboard heaters often and remove objects that may have fallen on top of or near the heater.
- Be sure your space heater has tip-over protection with an automatic shut-off device.
- Always turn portable heaters off if you leave the room and/or at night when you are asleep.
- Close the screen and/or doors on your fireplace to protect your home from sparks.
- Only burn dry, seasoned wood in your fireplace or woodstove. Burning green wood can lead to a buildup of creosote and a possible chimney fire.
- Clean out ashes when cool and place in a metal container outside of your home and away from other combustibles.

## Significant Incidents

- On October 16<sup>th</sup> 2015, Renton Fire responded to a structure fire on the 900 block of S 4<sup>th</sup> St. There were no injuries and the fire was extinguished and confined to the exterior of the building.
- On October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015, Renton Fire responded to a float plane accident on Lake Washington. There were no injuries and the occupants made it off the plane safely.
- On October 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, Renton Fire responded to a building fire on the 1700 block of Talbot Rd. S. There were no injuries and the fire was extinguished and confined to the attic.
- On October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, Renton Fire responded to a building fire on the 1400 block of Hillcrest Lane NE. The fire was extinguished upon arrival by a neighbor. The resident was transported to the hospital.
- On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015, Renton Fire responded to a fire on the 1300 block of Pierce Place NE. The cause of the fire was a grease fire on the stove. The fire was extinguished with no other damage or injuries.