



SPRING INTO FIRE SAFETY!

The trees are starting to bud, up and down the street, the neighbours are starting their annual spring cleaning. They may not realize it, but they're disposing of more than unnecessary storage and garbage, they're getting rid of many potential fire hazards.

It's a good idea for everyone to take a look in their basement to see if they have a fire waiting to happen.

Here are a few tips from the Markham Fire and Emergency Services on what to look for when "spring cleaning" your basement and garage.

- Keep all combustible material and storage at least one metre (three feet) away from the furnace and water heater.
- Be cautious when using or storing flammable liquids. Both give off vapours that can easily catch fire or explode. This is why you should never use gasoline to clean floors or other items inside the home.
- Store paints, thinners and other flammable in their original containers away from any heat source.
- Never store gas-powered equipment such as lawn mowers, outboard motors or propane cylinders used on barbecues inside the home.
- If you need gasoline for your lawnmower or equipment, store it outside in an approved container. Be sure to follow all the safety precautions when dispensing or storing gasoline and limit the supply to what you need.

Safety is the key to a Safe Spring

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