



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Home Fire Sprinklers

Home Sprinkler Facts

Home sprinkler systems saves lives.

85% of all U.S. fire deaths occur in the home.

Home fire sprinklers can control and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive on the scene.

Home fire sprinklers keep fires small by reducing the heat, flames and smoke made in a fire.

Home fire sprinklers put as much as 10 times less water on the fire than a fire department hose.

Contrary to popular belief, only the home fire sprinkler head closest to the fire will spray water.

The cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinkled square foot.

In a home with sprinklers, the average property loss per fire is cut by about 70%.



A home fire sprinkler system can reduce the homeowner's insurance premium.

Safety Tips

- Have a home fire escape plan that you and your family practice at least twice a year.

- Keep matches and lighters locked away and secured from kids.
- Have your home sprinkler system serviced according to the manufacturer's instructions or at least once yearly by a licensed professional.

Always Remember

- Never smoke in bed. It is best to smoke outside and be sure to extinguish all smoking materials.
- Never cook while intoxicated or after taking medication that makes you drowsy.
- You may only have 2 minutes or less to get out if a fire occurs.

National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/fire-and-life-safety-equipment/home-fire-sprinklers>

FEMA

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/focus/may_2016_sprinklers.pdf

Solve the Fire Wuzzles

WUZZLES are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to NOON GOOD is "Good afternoon" and LINE READ LINE is "Read between the lines."

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Answers to last month's wuzzles are fire lane and arson.

Fire Safety Quiz

1. Home sprinkler systems are just as expensive as commercial sprinkler systems.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. Home sprinkler systems use _____ water that fire departments use in extinguishment.
 - A. most of the
 - B. a fraction of the
 - C. none of the
 - D. equal the

Answers to last month's quiz are 1. A. & 2. D.

Don't Let Your Dreams Go Up In Smoke, Practice Fire Safety- Unknown.

If you have a fire in your home, the risk of dying is cut by about one-third when smoke alarms are present, while automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying by about 80%.

Make no mistake: smoke alarms are crucial and significantly cut the risk of dying in a home fire. But these devices do nothing to suppress a fire. Home fire sprinklers in coordination with smoke alarms have been proven to protect lives and property against fire.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer? Please contact Ms. Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to: valdostafire@valdostacity.com



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