

SUMMER SAFETY

The weather is warming up in Georgia! That's the only thing that should be warming up! Please keep fire safety in mind during the warmer months. The summer months are times for enjoying the outdoors. Follow these safety tips for having a safe, enjoyable summer!

- **BARBEQUING**- Never pour gasoline or other volatile fluids over charcoal to start a fire. Use only charcoal lighter fluid. Once the coals have ignited, never add more fuel to the fire.
- **SUNNING**- Use common sense in the sun to prevent burns. Wear protective clothing and sunscreen.
- **BEACH/STREAMS**- Always wear foot coverings to prevent burns from hot sand or pavement.
- **LAWNMOWERS**- Wait for your mower to cool before refueling. Never refuel while the engine is running or hot
- **OVERHEATED RADIATORS**- Never remove the radiator cap while it is hot. Allow it to cool first and protect your hands and arms with covering. Never lean over the radiator when opening it...always keep your face away to prevent any liquid from spraying into your face or eyes.
- **GASOLINE**- If you must store gasoline, store only in approved safety cans, away from open flames (i.e. water heaters and pilot lights), and out of reach of children.
- **FIREWORKS**- Firework use by citizens is a violation of Newport News City Code. Newport News, as well as other local districts put on fantastic fireworks displays each Fourth of July!
- **SEATBELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS**- When the car is hot, check the metal parts of the seatbelt before fastening, especially on infant carseats. Cover metal parts when possible and never place a child in a plastic or leather seat without testing it first. Make sure that your child's safety seat is properly installed. Call one of Newport News Fire Department's Child Safety Seat Technicians for assistance at 926-8675.
- **GARDEN HOSES**- Use care when using a hose that has been exposed to the sun. The standing water can be extremely hot and could cause burns.
- **AUTOMOBILES**- Never leave your animal or children in a hot vehicle. The temperature can become deadly in a matter of minutes.
- **MATCHES/CIGARETTE BUTTS**- Don't toss away hot matches or cigarettes! These can easily cause a deadly, destructive fire.

HAVE A TERRIFIC SUMMER!