

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – BONFIRE SAFETY



Many people enjoy bonfires and during the winter months, but it's important to take extra caution to avoid any accidents or injuries in the home. ECFRS has some important guidance below-

- Site the bonfire well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs
- Never leave the bonfire burning unattended
- Build the stack so that it is stable and will not collapse outwards or to one side
- NEVER use flammable liquids, such as paraffin or petrol, to light the fire
- Don't burn foam-filled furniture, aerosols, tins of paint and bottles
- Keep everyone away from the fire, especially children who must be supervised at all times

Pour water on the embers before leaving.