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Residents in Rockdale can take the following actions to help prevent fires in their homes:

- Do not leave burning candles unattended or place them near flammable materials. Make sure candles are in a secure place where children or pets won't knock them over. Put candles in a candleholder before you light them. Make sure all candles are extinguished before you leave the home or office, and before going to bed.
- Make sure that all indoor and outdoor lights bear the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Throw away any set of lights that have cracked lights, frayed cords, or loose or damaged sockets.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters. Be sure extension cords aren't pinched behind or under furniture and unplug all decorative lights before leaving your home or going to bed.
- When cooking, be sure to keep pot handles and electrical appliance cords out of the reach of children. Put a lid on a pot or pan to extinguish a food or grease fire and in the event of an oven fire, turn off the heat and close the oven door.
- Before using your fireplace, have your chimney inspected by a professional for proper installation, cracks, and blockages. Always use a fire screen and burn only material appropriate for fireplaces such as wood logs.
- If you have a live Christmas tree, keep it in water and away from heaters, stoves or fireplaces.
- Replace the filters in your air conditioning system once a month.