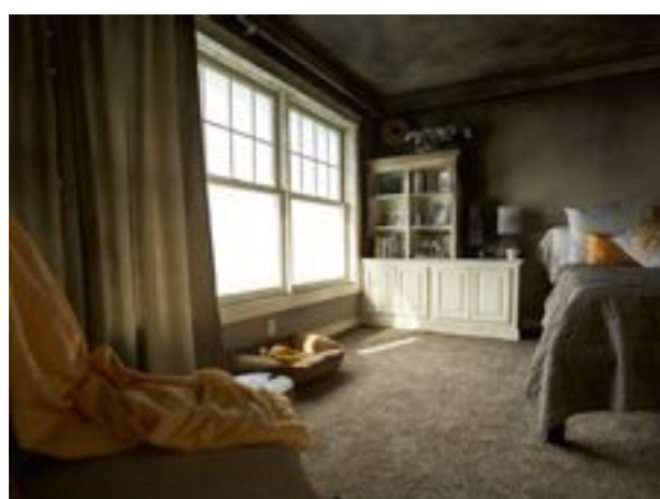


## In the Know: Fire & Ice: Two Key Winter Cautionary Tales

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### Wintertime Fire Hazards

Fires are not only a danger during the holidays - as temperatures drop, the dangers rise. Although many are familiar with the following tips, recent news stories have turned the spotlight on the catastrophic loss caused by a fire. Therefore, key reminders could not come at a better time. So whether it is portable heaters or generators, electrical distribution or winter storms, we want to share a list of tips to stay safe at home.



**Quick Mindful Tips:**

- Maintain a 3-foot distance between a heat source and anything that might burn
- Keep portable generators outside and at a distance from the home
- Monitor and test smoke detectors regularly and carbon monoxide alarms monthly
- Plug only one heating device into an outlet at a time
- Inspect and clean chimneys and/or vents on an annual basis

The National Association of State Fire Marshalls (NASFM) reports a greater number of fires in the wintertime, don't wait until it is too late. For more tips and other helpful resources, contact any ServiceMaster of Cherry Hill team member.

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### Beware of Frozen Pipes

Falling temperatures also increase the possibility of frozen or burst pipes. The result – a flood of water throughout a home or office and potential for significant property damage. This can happen as quickly as overnight. With the threats of damage to include damaging your home and possessions, or causing mold, it is important to recognize the early signs and take steps to reduce the risk. Here are a few to get you started:



**Early Signs**

- Low or no running water
- Frost on the pipes
- Strange odors

**Prevention Tips**

- Allow faucets to drip cold water on the coldest days, especially from faucets served by exposed pipes.
- Drain water from pipes that are likely to freeze, including pool and sprinkler lines.
- Disconnect, drain and store outdoor hoses.
- Keep thermostat set at the same temperature day and night.
- Leave the heat on if traveling, but at no lower than 55° F.

For questions or if you see some tell-tale signs, any ServiceMaster of Cherry Hill team member is happy to address your concerns.

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### Disaster Restoration

When damage strikes your home or business, there is more at stake than just the property. It can cause unthinkable devastation and interruption, security issues, damaged documents, and other factors that no one imagines until something happens. The key to restoration is having a trusted contractor who understands the complexity of both the immediate and often residual damage.

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