

FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES

to Keep Island Homes Safe

Take fire prevention measures to keep and their homes safe during storm and/or a power outage.

Most fires are caused by human carelessness and are both predictable and preventable. The loss of lives and property can be significantly reduced by following some simple fire prevention measures.

Easy fire measures can include:

- Have any heating equipment or generators installed, including power connections, by professionals and schedule regular maintenance;
- Operate portable generators outdoors only;
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment;
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and out of sight of children;
- Never leave cooking appliances unattended;
- Practice home fire drills with all household members;
- Properly dispose of any ignition source materials (matches, lighters, etc)
- Regularly change batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

In case of fire, get everyone out of the house immediately and **call 911** from a safe location. Do not re-enter the house for any reason.

