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NFPA Safety Source



Keep Your Community Safe with Home Fire Sprinklers



NFPA's [new public education tool kit on home fire sprinklers](#)

includes everything you need to educate the public about their value. There's no doubt that residential fire sprinklers represent the next generation in home fire safety. More widespread installation of home fire sprinklers, an established technology with a solid track record for protecting people and property, will play the lead role in further protecting the public from fire in the years to come.

The kit includes:

- Sprinkler Safety Print Ads
- Community Outreach ideas
- Sprinkler fast facts
- PSAs
- Fill-in-the blank news-releases
- And more!

Public Education News

Public Education Tool Kit Survey

Do you use NFPA's education tool kits? If you do, please take a few minutes to [take our quick survey](#). The first 100 people who do will receive a package of [NFPA's 10 Tips for Fire Safety brochure](#).

Sparky e-card



Mother's Day is coming up, and Sparky has a [brand new e-card just](#) for that special day! He also has a new Stay Safe card.



Cooking up Safety

Newly designed [cooking safety tip sheet](#). Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries—make sure your community stays safe in the kitchen.

Electrical Safety Month

Electrical fires are a major cause of home fires. May is [National Electrical Safety Month](#) make sure your community is safe with these [easy-to-use electrical safety lesson plans](#).



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Why arson is a growing threat

NFPA's Sharon Gamache writes about [how communities are battling arson](#) in the latest issue of Journal.

NFPA Opportunities

Older Adults Conference

NFPA is now selecting representatives from up to 40 communities to attend the [Remembering When Conference](#) in November 2009. Apply today!

New Sprinkler Newsletter

[Sign up](#) for the new the Fire Sprinkler Initiative newsletter. The



monthly e-newsletter will provide interested individuals with the latest on our advocacy efforts. Sign up to receive all future issues.

Education messaging

Time is running out to submit your [input on amendments or revisions](#) to current education messages. The deadline for comment is May 15, 2009.

Snapshot of the Month

Cool to do...

TERRIFIC TERRARIUM THIS MONTH'S COOL TO DO...

Here is a fun thing to do that looks really cool and lasts a long time — it's called a Terrarium. Oh yeah, mom's love these things...hint, hint. You'll need a grown-up to help you collect the things you need to build your terrarium.

What you need...

- Clear container (can be a spaghetti jar, pickle jar or an old peanut butter jar)
- Small pebbles or rocks
- Potting soil
- Fork
- A few plants
- Spray bottle
- Water

What to do...

1. First spread a layer of pebbles on the bottom of your jar.
2. Then you need at least 2" of soil over the pebbles. Take the fork and rake a hole in the soil for the roots of your plants.
3. Put your plants in and cover the bottom of them with soil.
4. Now decorate your container with a few fun things (my friend used dinosaurs but if you are making one for your mom think of things that she would like).
5. Spray the plants with your water bottle — just enough to wet the soil. Put the lid on and let moisture build up to water the plants. When the container looks like there are drops of water on the glass then take the cover off and let the moisture evaporate. It's okay to have a little moisture on your glass but not too much.

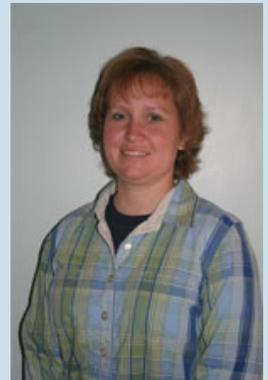
NOTE: Make sure you watch your plants and mist them with your spray bottle when they need them.




Looking for a fun activity to do with the kids? Check out [Sparky's Terrific Terrarium](#) on [sparky.org](#).

Out in the field

Hi! My name is Kim O'Malley, and I'm NFPA's Mid-Atlantic Region Public Education Advisor. I am a fourth-generation member of the Citizens' Hose Fire Company in Smyrna, Delaware. I have proudly served on the fire prevention committee for the past 12 and as co-chair for the past three years. [Find out more about Kim.](#)



adv From our press room

Fire service speaks out [against anti-sprinkler bills](#). Leading fire service organizations warn against state-by-state legislative efforts,



Fun to come!

Students in Amy Hein's first grade class from Hickory Bend School in Glenwood, Illinois, help out for this year's Fire Prevention Week Web site! Stay tuned—the new site will launch on June 1!

orchestrated by homebuilders, which are designed to prohibit communities from requiring residential fire sprinklers in new home construction

Events for Educators

- May 14–15, 2009, [The Third Annual Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference](#), Worcester, Massachusetts
- May 18–20, [Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Seminar](#), Montour Falls, New York
- June 10–14, 2009, [Homeland Security Conference and 80th Annual Kentucky Fire School](#), Lexington, Kentucky
- June 11, 2009, [Illinois Fire Inspectors Association Seminar on Human Behavior in Fire](#), Addison, Illinois
- June 15–18, 2009, [21st Fire and Life Safety Educators Conference](#), Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida

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