

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS:

These tips are intended for residents, visitors and property owners of Brookfield, VT but may apply to neighboring towns as well.

Some say Fall is their favorite time of the year! The foliage is turning, and harvest is coming to an end. However, winter isn't too far behind. It's time to start doing all those pre-winter chores that need to be done now.

*Check your smoke and CO detectors and change their batteries.

*Get your heating system serviced.

*Get your chimneys cleaned.

*Is your wood pile stacked and covered?

*If you have a back-up generator, when was it last serviced?

*Do you have an exit plan in case of a fire? You and all your family members should learn and practice more than one way to exit.

*Dig out that snow shovel and service the snowblower, plow truck or tractor. Do they need tire chains?

*It will soon be time to get those snow tires mounted. Make an appointment for that tire change in advance.

*Check those wiper blades, they probably need changing for the winter.

*It's a good idea to keep your gas tanks as full as possible, to prevent condensation, which can cause gas lines to freeze up.

*When driving, leave a little early and avoid accidents on slick roadways. The first snow storm can challenge our rusty winter driving skills.

*Stock up on non-perishable food supplies in case we're socked in for a few days.

*Also keep in mind that the end of October is Halloween. There may be children walking around and vehicles pulling over along the roadways, dropping off their kids to trick or treat. The children and parents may not be wearing reflective clothing.

We hope these suggestions give you some insight for the upcoming Winter months?

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