

## Fire Department



### Chimney Sweeping

Before you light your first autumn fire, have you thought about having your chimney swept?

If you use your fireplace or stove often, you should have it swept at least twice a year. Also, make sure your wood is dry, as it leaves fewer creosote deposits on the walls of your chimney. Make sure that the people who come to your home to sweep your chimney are competent; it's not enough to simply pass the brush down the chimney, you also have to clean the deposits left by the brush. Again, if you use your fireplace or stove frequently, you should also have the condition of your chimney checked, and this should be done by certified people with the requisite experience.