

# East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

As I drive along the roads in Andover and look at the colorful hills and mountains I truly believe that we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. I am proud that as part of your local Fire Department, along with the State Forest Fire Service, we stand ready to protect our beautiful natural resource.

Along with the beauty of fall comes the inevitable heating season. Furnaces and wood burning appliances come to life after a summer collecting dust. The oil or gas furnace is one of the safest appliances in your home. The use of modern control systems and space age metals in the burn chamber has greatly reduced fire danger from a malfunction. Once the furnace has been maintained by a trained technician, the homeowner need only to worry about the price of fuel.

This is not true, however, of a wood-burning appliance. They must be cleaned, cared for, and watched. The wood you burn must be seasoned and dry.

Think of burning wood like driving a car. As a new driver you move along slowly and carefully until you gain experience over time. Eventually you will understand the nuances of your appliance and be able to pick the

right kind and amount of wood you will need for the weather conditions of the day. If the smoke doesn't curl up the chimney like you are used to seeing, you will be aware that something is wrong and the flue pipe or chimney may need cleaning.

Pay attention to the way your wood-burning appliance works, and never give it the trust you give your oil or gas furnace. Don't be afraid of your wood-burning appliance, but learn to use it safely and look it over, often.

There are several chimney materials sold today. I am partial to old-fashioned block and tile. This is also called a Type A chimney that is designed and rated for wood-burning appliances. I like this chimney because I understand how they work and have many years of experience using one. Other materials are also rated for their use, and time will be the best judge of quality.

But (and here it comes): the only good chimney is a clean chimney. If your chimney is clean and in good repair, your chances of a chimney fire are almost zero. Clean your chimney every year! More often if required.

We have some clever ways to put out chimney fires. If necessary, we will show you.



Scott Davis uses the Jaws of Life in a recent training. Photo: Bob Bussey

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By Patrick Smith and Eric Tilton  
Andover Fire Department

To start things off, we would like to give a big thanks to Matt Coll for building the Smokey the Bear sign out front of the fire stations for his Eagle Scout project. You did a fantastic job.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who donated money to the New Hampshire Food Bank yard sale fundraiser on October 7 and 8. It's nice to see people pulling together to help others.

Speaking of helping others, the holidays are coming up, which means the Andover Fire Department's annual Poinsettia Sale is right around the corner - De-

ember 2, from 8 AM until we sell out.

This year there is a twist. To help us buy more firefighters' safety equipment, we are raffling off a Mossberg 835 pump shotgun from Marshall's Firearms in Boscawen. We are only selling 100 tickets, so you better act fast. The drawing will be at noon on December 2.

There is also a second prize of \$100 and a third prize of \$50. You can get the tickets from any Andover firefighter, or just stop in at the station on Monday nights from 7 PM to 9 PM. The tickets cost \$20 apiece, but the money will all be going towards firefighters' safety equipment.

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