



King County Fire District #40

Dedicated to the Community We Serve



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Upcoming Events:

- **November 6**
Standard Time Begins (last time!)
- **November 8**
General Election Ballots Due
- **November 10**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **November 11**
Veterans Day
- **November 24**
Thanksgiving Day
- **December 8**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **December 18**
Hanukkah Begins
- **December 19-January 2**
Winter Vacation (Kent & Renton Schools)
- **December 21**
Winter Solstice
- **December 25**
Christmas Day
- **December 26**
Kwanzaa Begins
- **January 1**
New Years Day
- **January 13**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **January 16**
Martin Luther King Jr Day

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries



Holiday Cooking Safety



AS WE PREPARE to make this year's holiday cookies, pies, candy and meals, remember that cooking fires are the prime cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

While most people cook every day, it's still good idea to review ways to stay safe in the kitchen.

- **Install smoke alarms and make sure they work:**
While smoke alarms don't prevent fires, they're still a preventative measure. Install them now—save your life later.
- **Never leave the kitchen while food is cooking:**
Unattended cooking is one of the leading causes of kitchen fires.
- **Wear appropriate clothing:**
Keep sleeves tightly rolled and cuffed. Never cook in clothing that's too big or loose.
- **Monitor cooking temperatures:**
Make sure you're especially cooking in oil.
- **Beware of kids in the kitchen:**
Make sure that pots & pans handles are turned inward in case a child bumps them.
- **Know where your fire suppression supplies are and how to use them:**
If you don't have an ABC fire extinguisher, you can smother a grease fire with either a baking sheet or a lid. NEVER put water on a kitchen fire—that will only make it worse!

*Have a Safe and
Happy Holiday!*

COVID 19 — Moving Forward Together

ON OCTOBER 31 Governor Insee removed the Washington State emergency proclamation and lifted all remaining COVID-19 restrictions.

While we have come a long way since the virus was first reported in our State (and the Nation), it is still very much present in our community.

As of September 2022, more than 14,000 Washingtonians have died of COVID-19. While this number seems high, it is one of the lowest per capita COVID death rates in the Country. This may be attributed to the high number of people vaccinated in our State. In fact, 74% of Washingtonians are fully vaccinated (primary series, no booster). Even so, Washington State still reports about 10 deaths daily due to the virus.

Dates and Milestones:

- **January 2020:** The Nation's first COVID-19 case was reported in Washington State.
- **March 2020:** State-wide closure of schools and non-essential businesses were implemented.
- **June 2020:** A State-wide mask mandate was put into effect.
- **June 2021:** State businesses and schools were allowed to reopen at full capacity.
- **March 2022:** The indoor mask mandate was lifted.
- **October 31, 2022:** Governor ends the State of Emergency removing all COVID restrictions.

While the world has suffered greatly over the past 2-1/2 years, the horizon finally appears to be filled with hope and a bit of normalcy.

Fire District 40 encourages everyone, who hasn't received one yet, to get a COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot.

Please visit www.kingcounty.gov or www.coronavirus.wa.gov for more information!





If you can't call 911 during an emergency, you have the option to text.

While texting is an option, residents should still call if they can. The current system only accepts messages in English. It can't receive photos, videos or emojis.



To sign up for a class, call 425-276-9500 or visit: <https://rentonrfa.com/cpr>

- Cedar River Water & Sewer 425-255-6370
- Century Link 800-491-0118
- Comcast Cable (XFINITY) 888-266-2278
- Fairwood Library 425-226-0522
- King County Fire District 40 (office) 425-255-0931**
- King County Sheriff's Office 206-296-3311
- Metro (Hazardous Waste) 206-684-1233
- Pacific Security (Fairwood Greens) 206-573-4114
- Poison Control Center 800-222-1222
- Puget Sound Energy (Gas & Electricity) 800-321-4123
- Puget Sound Energy (Street Lights) 888-225-5773
- Republic Services/Allied Waste 206-682-0735
- Renton Regional Fire Authority (office) 425-276-9500
- Waste Management 800-592-9995



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Winter Driving Tips



DRIVE SLOWLY
Reduce your speed in snowy & rainy conditions to avoid accidents and skidding.



AVOID DISTRACTIONS
Give your full attention to the road when driving. Avoid using your cell phone, texting or eating.



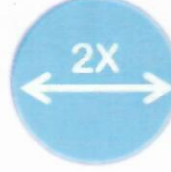
AVOID CRUISE CONTROL
Always be in control when it comes to acceleration and deceleration in snowy & raining conditions.



PLAN YOUR ROUTE
Try to avoid bridges & overpasses, which can be slippery or have more ice than other surfaces.



CHECK YOUR TIRES
Make sure that your tires have good traction & are properly inflated when driving in winter weather.



INCREASE DISTANCE
Increasing the distance will give you enough time to slow down if you lose control of your vehicle.