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**586-286-0027**

**For information on Fire Safety, Free Smoke Detectors or Fire Inspections, contact a Fire Inspector at:**

**586-949-2138**

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# SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

## STORING POOL CHEMICALS

For most pool owners, the month of May brings the hard work of opening their pools to enjoy for the summer. Most likely, it also means bringing home chemicals from the pool supply store. Keep these thoughts in mind

when you are storing pool or spa chemicals:

Store incompatible chemicals separately (For example acid and chlorine).

Keep chemicals closed up in their original containers with the labels on

them.

Lock up chemicals in a cabinet to ensure children do not have access to them.

Keep pool chemicals dry. The addition of small amounts of water to these chemicals can create toxic reactions.

## POOL SAFETY BARRIERS

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the majority of pool and spa related deaths and injuries in residential properties occur in children ages 1-3 years old. Fortunately, there are a few things you can do to prevent tragedy

from striking in your pool or spa.

1. Physical safety barriers: Either temporary or permanent safety barriers can buy extra time to find a child before they can access the pool or spa. Many types of barriers can be found on the market.

2. Alarms: Door and water alarms when used in conjunction with physical barriers provide another level of protection against accidental drownings.

Using a combination of prevention methods is the best form of protection. Of course, always keep a close eye on children around water.



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## Portable Electric Generators

Spring and summer storms are coming, and strong storms usually mean power outages become commonplace throughout the season. Many people turn to portable generators to provide power during outages. Be sure to keep these tips in mind to

prevent carbon monoxide poisoning when using generators:

- Never use generators inside attached garages; even if you keep the door open.

- Keep generators far enough away so exhaust cannot

enter through windows or doors.

- Always have an operable Carbon Monoxide detector in your home. Make sure it has a battery backup so that it will still operate in the event of a power outage.

## PROPANE TANKS

According to the NFPA, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an annual average of 1,170 home fires between 2003-2007 involving LP gas, killing 34 people, injuring 135 and causing \$45 Million in direct damage.

The leading equipment involved were grills, hibachi or barbecues.

- Keep cylinders outside of the home.

- Never operate a propane powered gas grill inside your home or garage.

- Follow manufacturer instructions when lighting a pilot.

- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call 911 from outside the structure.

## Additional Information

The Macomb Township Fire Department has free smoke detectors available to residents. Call us for more

information at 586-949-2138 or 586-286-0027 for more information. We can help you with installation if you need assistance.

For more information on pool safety barriers, visit the CPSC by clicking [HERE](#)