

# Seasonal Safety

Top tips for a safer Spring



*After the long and cold winter, the snow melts away and opportunities for more outdoor activities emerge. Follow the safety tips in this brochure to help you have fun and stay safe this spring.*



## TECHNICAL STANDARDS & SAFETY AUTHORITY

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) provides a series of seasonal brochures designed to help you and your family stay safe while enjoying all that each season has to offer.

TSSA is an innovative, not-for-profit safety organization dedicated to enhancing public safety.

Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of fuels; elevators and escalators; amusement rides; ski lifts; boilers and pressure vessels; operating engineers and upholstered and stuffed articles.

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## Spring Home Safety Checklist:

- Check cleaning supplies. Dispose of what is no longer used or needed at a hazardous waste distribution centre
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets. Replace cords if worn or damaged
- Maintain your air conditioner. Make an appointment with a qualified technician to perform safe and proper maintenance work for your specific unit
- Clean eavestroughs thoroughly. Use a sturdy and reliable ladder and rubber gloves
- Store fuel and other combustibles outside in a well-ventilated shed or detached garage and away from direct sunlight and other heat sources
- Check recreational equipment. Make sure all playground equipment, bikes, skateboards, etc. are in safe working condition for family use



## Call Before You Dig:

### Why should I call?

For your safety and the safety of others, “Call Before You Dig” to mark the location of underground facilities such as gas, hydro, and cable lines BEFORE starting construction, landscaping or any other project. Once all the underground facilities have been marked, you can dig with care.

Knowing what’s below protects you and your family.

Call Before You Dig – This is a **FREE** service and is available **24-hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Contact Ontario One Call first to notify their members and determine who else you need to contact. Although Ontario One Call is the Provincial “Call Before You Dig” centre, some infrastructure owners are not required by law to be part of this service. Those infrastructure owners must be contacted directly.

Contact your One Call centre at least one week before starting your project to ensure locates are completed on time.



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## Spring Cottage Opening Checklist:

- Visually inspect the power lines leading into your cottage and inspect indoor and outdoor wiring for damage from mice and other rodents. Have an electrician repair any damage
- Have propane appliances like stoves, refrigerators and heaters inspected and repaired (if necessary) by a registered technician
- Replace old appliances with new ones that include safety features
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace the batteries at the start of the season
- Install a fully charged fire extinguisher in a visible place and make sure everybody knows how to use it
- Clean up rubbish, and fallen leaves and branches
- Dispose of old cleaning solvents and fuels at a hazardous waste distribution centre
- Clean up your approved fire pit and cut back any branches or brush that may have grown too close

**TAKE  
ACTION**

Your cottage fuel-burning appliances need to be inspected too!  
To find a registered contractor visit **CSafety.ca**