



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Spring Cleaning -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. April 21, 2011 – When it's time for spring cleaning, remember a clean house is a safer house. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds you that trash, boxes, piles of clothes and other combustibles in the home are fuel for a fire. Getting rid of them will help reduce the chance of a fire in your home.



Clean out storage areas such as garages, attics, closets, sheds and basements on a regular basis. Even warehouses are limited to the amount of storage they can safely keep. Don't allow areas in your home to become tempting for a fire. Throw away, recycle, or give away items you are no longer using. Clutter gives fire a place to start and creates obstacles that might prevent you from escaping safely.

Oily rags can ignite without a heat source due to spontaneous combustion. Store them in a closed metal container. This includes dusting rags used with furniture polish or oils for spring cleaning.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department suggests you clean out storage areas on a regular basis. Don't give fire a chance to start. A clean house is a safer house.

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