

“Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!”™

The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years — to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

The most important step you should take before making a meal is to “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” A cooking fire can grow quickly. We have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.

We would like to share safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you’re cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won’t be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you’re cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit www.fpw.org.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020. The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company always visits Fairview Elementary School to promote and teach fire prevention to all the students and staff during that week. This year, we’re not sure what the schedule will be, or if we will even be able to visit the school. But whatever the situation is at that time, our goal is to get fire prevention information to all the students! If anyone would like free fire prevention materials for their family, please feel free to contact any firefighter and we’ll be glad to get that information to you. Fire prevention is for the big kids (i.e.-adults) as much as it is for school-age children! We’d be very happy to help you plan your home escape plan and meeting place and practice it with your family – just contact any one of our firefighters!

“Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries!” -- Daylight Saving Time will end on November 1 this year, and this is a great time to make sure all your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding their alarms, feel free to contact any firefighter.

THANK YOU!!! The Green Valley – Morgan Fire Company, Inc. wants to sincerely thank everyone that has given us a donation this year! We certainly missed having our picnic this year and we are looking forward to having our picnic again next year on August 14, 2021. Because of all the generous donations, we can buy 4 brand new SCBA units. They are currently on order and we are “patiently” waiting for them to be delivered.

Also on order is a brand-new fire truck! We have contracted with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. to build another pumper/tender truck very similar to the big trucks we have in Green Valley and Morgan. The initial start of this truck began almost a full year ago with Pierce – then COVID-19 came and put a hold on things for a while. But we are back at it now, and as of this writing, the plans are just about to move from the engineers to the builders! We are anticipating taking delivery in March 2021. This new truck will be kept in the Morgan firehouse, and the truck that is currently in Morgan will be moved over to the Pulcifer firehouse. This will give us a firetruck with at least 3,000 gallons of water and a 1,250 pump in each firehouse! This has been our overall plan for many, many years for Green Valley, Morgan, and Pulcifer, and we finally achieved that goal! It is definitely something for the whole community to be proud of!

Until next time, Happy Halloween, *Happy Thanksgiving*, *Merry Christmas*, and Happy New Year!
Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!!

September 11, 2001 – A day we will never forget

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