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Some Fascinating Facts About February

♥ February is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language. ♥ For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month. ♥ February also marks American Heart Month, along with some other "months" you might not recognize: Canned Food Month, Grapefruit Month, Hot Breakfast Month, and our favorite, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month. ♥ It's the only month that can pass without having a full moon. ♥ Groundhog Day is based on a German superstition. ♥ The odds of being born on Feb. 29 are about 1 in 1,461. ♥ In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. ♥ Valentine's Day isn't just about humans, either. Almost 9 million people in the U.S. buy their dogs gifts or cards for Valentine's Day. ♥ Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days ♥ February is National Snack Food Month.

Winter Storms Ahead: Are You Ready?

Keep your attic cool to help prevent ice dams. Insulate the attic floor and make sure it is well-ventilated.

When the air is cold, keep bath and kitchen cabinet doors open so warm air can circulate around pipes. If pipes do freeze, let them thaw normally—they'll be less likely to burst.

And if the power is out, make sure you avoid leaving candles or fires burning unattended. If you use a portable generator, follow the instructions and do not use it indoors.

Know what your insurance covers. Check your policy to see what is covered and to confirm the deductible you have chosen.

PREVENT FIRE IN YOUR HOME

- ⇒ Unplug Items You're Not Using- By plugging items into a surge protector you don't have to worry about that excess electricity getting to the item and causing a fire.
- ⇒ Remove Lint And Change Filters from Heating System and Dryer- If lint fills up that filter, the heat from the furnace can actually ignite it. This is true for your dryer as well.
- ⇒ Cut The Clutter-Clutter in your home is actually one way that fires can not only start spontaneously but also that they can spread excessively.
- ⇒ Turn Off Heated Appliances When You Leave the House-Your dryer uses a lot of heat and even your dishwasher uses a decent amount of heat. Space heaters and heated blankets do as well.
- ⇒ Never Leave Flames Unattended.
- ⇒ Keep Flammable Items Away From Heat.
- ⇒ Don't Smoke In the Home.
- ⇒ Put Out The Fire.



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from Us to Mo!**

Fire Extinguishers for Your Home

1. There are extinguishers for each type of fire. Class A: ordinary combustibles, such as wood; Class B: flammable liquids or gasses, such as gasoline or propane; Class C: energized electrical equipment like appliances; Class D: combustible metals; and Class K: cooking oils and greases. An extinguisher that isn't rated for the fire you're trying to fight likely won't help.
2. Multipurpose extinguishers are widely available. Typically rated for Class A, B and C fires, they are good for most living areas and also work on small grease fires. You need at least one for each level of your home, and one in the garage is a good idea, too. Store them in an accessible area and inspect them regularly for rust and other damage. Also follow any maintenance instructions included with the device. Some need to be shaken regularly, for example.
3. Remember "P.A.S.S." when you use your extinguisher. Pull the pin. Aim the nozzle at the fire's base. Squeeze the lever. Sweep the nozzle back and forth. And always keep your back to an exit when fighting a fire. You need to be able to escape quickly if necessary.