

ARSON FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION TIPS

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- Remove/obscure from sight any outdoor receptacle that could be used to facilitate a fire (i.e. trash cans, yard waste bags, paper recycle bins) - and remind/assist your neighbours to do the same
- Put out your trash the morning of collection day - not overnight
- Leave front, back & garage lights on at night - free energy efficient lightbulbs available at vca.acv@gmail.com (for Vanier residents only)
- Say hello to strangers on your street
- Report all suspicious activity to OPS (613-236-1222 Ext. 7300)
- Did you know that it is against bylaw to have trash cans in view from the street? They must be enclosed or stored away from a sightline. Report infractions to 311@ottawa.ca or online
- Have an emergency evacuation plan
- Keep a close eye on vacant properties - and report property bylaw infractions to **311**
- Report to **311** large waste receptacles that have been housing construction/ renovation materials for a long time
- Report to **311** any street lights that are not working
- Contact the councillor's office stephanie.plante@ottawa.ca if you believe that more street lights are needed on your street or in your neighbourhood park
- Purchase home insurance

Anyone with information regarding arson fires is asked to call the arson unit of the Ottawa Police Service at 613-236-1222, ext. 3770.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477.