



Memo to all residents as winter season approaches

Under advisement of the VTSV Public Safety and The Parks and Recreation Committees, Kachina Vista Park will be **closed** during the winter season due to the avalanche danger. This area includes many known avalanche chutes. We appreciate you're understanding.

REMINDER: THE DISPOSAL OF FIREPLACE ASHES IN THE TRASH COMPACTOR IS PROHIBITED-

While this may seem like a convenient option, it poses significant safety and equipment risks. Even ashes that appear cool can retain hidden embers for hours—or even days—creating a serious fire hazard when compressed. Additionally, fine ash particles can infiltrate the compactor's mechanical components, leading to premature wear, clogging, and costly repairs.

Here are some Fire Season tips to help you stay safe:

Prepare Your Home: Clear dead vegetation and create defensible space around your home to reduce fire risk.

Gather Emergency Supplies: Have a stocked emergency kit with essential items like water, food, medications, and first aid supplies.

Stay Informed: Know your community's evacuation plans and find multiple ways to leave your area safely.

Monitor Weather Conditions: Avoid activities that involve fire or sparks when it's hot, dry, and windy.

Use Proper Fire Safety Practices: Always extinguish fires completely before leaving your home and avoid leaving unattended.

Attached is a u tube Video shared by the Public Safety & Firewise Committee:

<https://www.aspenpublicradio.org/environment/2025-10-29/wildfires-are-making-home-insurance-in-colorado-unattainable-but-a-new-tool-could-help>

Here are some tips for dealing with freezing weather:

Protect Your Home: Insulate exposed pipes, especially in unheated areas, and ensure proper insulation around windows and doors to prevent drafts.



Check for Damage: Regularly inspect your home for cracks and gaps and ensure that your heating system is functioning properly.

Dress Appropriately: Wear layers of loose-fitting, warm clothing, including thermal underwear, and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.

Stay Informed: Keep up-to-date with local weather forecasts and take necessary precautions to stay safe during cold weather.

Let all have a safe Winter Season,
VTSV Staff