



Lockwood Fire Protection District - September 2022 Article – Upcountry News

As we move into Fall, the nights and mornings get cooler, and residents start using their woodburning stoves and fireplaces to heat their homes. The Lockwood Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips. First, please make sure your chimney or stove pipe is in good working order and clean. If this is not something you can do, there are licensed professionals in the area that will clean and inspect them for you. Second, please make sure you dispose of your ashes properly. Ashes from a wood burning stove or fireplace will remain hot for several days after you have had a fire. Ashes should only be kept in a metal, non-combustible container. When you dispose of ashes, you have to do so safely by making certain they are not hot. Please do not put ashes in any container that can burn or around/on top of materials that can ignite and burn. Visit Lockwoodfire.org for more information.

As stated in last month's article, our new volunteer firefighters have started their training to become qualified volunteer firefighter's. They are approximately a month into their firefighter academy and I am proud to report that all four of them are doing great! Again, this year's academy will be a cooperative effort, and includes students and instructors from both Lockwood and Amador Fire Protection District. Mere hours before writing this article, we hosted our annual Pancake Breakfast and the turnout was fantastic! I want to thank everyone who showed up to support the Lockwood Fire Protection District, and a special thanks to our Fire Department Auxiliary for doing an outstanding job getting this event organized and ran without a hitch.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that the burn ban is still in effect! The rain we received was very helpful, but we did not receive enough rainfall to mitigate the threat of vegetation fires. **Please do not burn!!**

Thank you for your continued support!!

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