

GARAGE SAFETY CHECKLIST

STOP A FIRE before it starts and **PREVENT** dangerous carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning!

Garage fires are the #2 cause of fires in Brampton. Many activities conducted inside the garage are unsafe and may cause a fire or lead to CO poisoning.

Follow these safety tips and learn what unsafe activities to avoid, even if the garage door is open:

SAFE STORAGE/REFUELING TIPS:



Store hazardous materials away from any source of heat, sparks, or flame. That includes electric motors, which can spark when they switch on or off.



Store gasoline in tightly capped, labelled and approved containers. The maximum quantity you can store is 30 litres.



Be cautious; spilled fuel can easily ignite to cause a fire and serious burns. Clean up all fuel and hazardous liquid spills immediately.



Refuel equipment (lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) only when cooled.



SAFE DISPOSAL TIPS:



Avoid emptying smoking materials directly into the garbage. Soak cigarette butts and ashes with water first and then discard into the garbage can. Dispose of smoking materials, such as cigarette butts, in a deep and sturdy ashtray.



Dispose of oily and solvent-wet rags in a metal container with a tight fitting lid.



Tape the ends of all rechargeable and 9 volt batteries before disposal. Contact the Region of Peel for information on their battery recycling program.



Frequently dispose of flammable and combustible materials that are no longer needed or used.



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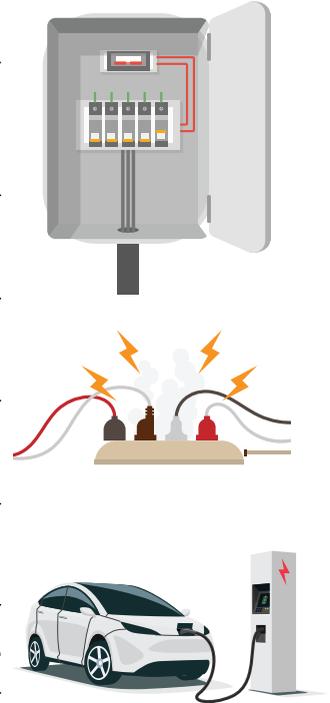
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SAFE ELECTRICAL TIPS:

	Always use a licensed electrical contractor to inspect and install additional circuits, outlets and to complete any repairs to your electrical system. Contact the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) to find a licensed contractor.
	Avoid overloading a circuit; consult a licensed electrician to determine if additional outlets, or circuits are required.
	Extension cords bring temporary power to areas without an outlet. They are not designed for long-term use or to replace permanent wiring.
	Protect yourself from shock; install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) on all outdoors outlets including those in your garage.
	If appliances, tools or equipment spark, overheat or stall, unplug them and have them checked by a dealer or qualified appliance service technician.
	Charge electric vehicles by reading and following the instructions in the owner's manual.



UNSAFE ACTIVITIES:

	Never cook or barbeque inside the garage.
	Never use propane or other fuel burning heaters, appliances or generators.
	Never run a vehicle, fueled engine or motor (ex. lawn mowers, snow blowers) in the garage.
	Never smoke inside the garage or home; encourage smokers to smoke outside.
	Never butt out into materials that can burn (ex. vegetation, potted plants).
	Do not store propane gas cylinders in your garage or home. An explosion can occur if leaking vapours come in contact with an ignition source (ex. electrical equipment).



Remember: To reduce the chance of a fire, keep your garage clean and tidy.