

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL HOT AND SMOKEY SAFETY TIPS

These tips are intended for residents, visitors and property owners of Brookfield, VT but may apply to neighboring towns as well.

Both the western US and northern Canada are already experiencing large wildfires. The wildfire season for both is likely to provide some smokey air for us this Summer. Do you have issues with breathing? If so, it is time to assess your options to filter the air in your home. Air purifiers, better respirators and air quality apps for your smart phone may all be worth looking into. Even if you do not have diagnosed breathing issues, avoiding smokey air is prudent.

- Here are sources of information about air purifiers, there are others.
<https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-air-purifier/>
- https://buyersguide.org/air-purifier/t/large-room?l=410&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIvoLapI7lhgMVwkP_AR3r9QkwEAAYAiAAEgIMHfD_BwE&sl=1
- <https://www.cnet.com/home/kitchen-and-household/best-air-purifier/>

We should expect some heat waves this Summer. What is a heat wave? It is a period of abnormally hot weather lasting three or more consecutive days. Heat waves may occur with or without high humidity. They have potential to cover a large area, exposing a high number of people to hazardous heat. Heat can be very taxing on the body. Check out the [heat related illnesses](#) that can occur.

We should prepare for electric grid issues in hot weather. What is your plan if we have brown outs or rolling black outs? Generators, power walls, friends and neighbors with them and nearby cooling shelters are all possible options. Can you use less electricity during the hot times of the day and early evening to help avoid brown outs and rolling blackouts?

What about your neighbors? Can you contact them to see if they are OK? If you have health issues, do your neighbors know that so they can check on you?

Sources: New York Times, Wire Cutter, National Weather Service, Cnet.

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