



# ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

## **Kitchen and Cooking**

- It's wise to have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen. Keep it 10 feet away from the stove on the exit side of the kitchen.
- Never pour water on a grease fire. Instead, turn off the stove and cover the pan with a lid or close the oven door.
- Keep pot handles on the stove pointing to the back.
- Always watch young children and pets around the kitchen.
- Don't store items on the stove top or inside the oven, as they can catch fire.
- Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition. Turn them off and disconnect them when not in use.
- Don't overload kitchen electrical outlets and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.
- Wear tight-fitting clothing when you cook. An electrical coil on the stove reaches a temperature of 800 degrees, A gas flame goes over 1,000 degrees. Your dish towel or pot holder can catch fire at 400 degrees. So can your bathrobe, apron or loose-fitting clothing.
- Be sure your stove is not located under a window where curtains are hanging.
- Clean the exhaust hood and duct over the stove regularly. Wipe up spilled grease as soon as the surface of the stove is cool.
- Operate your microwave only when there is food in it.