Self Inspection Guide for Winter Protection Against Fires and Freeze-Ups

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	Building and Structure and Equipment	Yes	No
1.	Arrangements made for snow removal from driveways, roofs.		
2.	Snow removal equipment in good condition.		
3.	Idle water cooled air conditioning condensers drained, blown out and with antifreeze.		
4.	Idle equipment (air tanks, lines, etc.) drained, lubricated as needed.		
5.	Water cooled engines, pumps, compressors properly maintained.		
6.	All openings, weather tight, insulation adequate, roof drains open.		
7.	Vent lines on flammable liquid and other tanks open and protected from entry of rain or snow.		
	Protective Systems	Yes	No
8.	All areas with wet pipe sprinklers, dry pipe valve enclosures, and pump houses adequately heated.		
9.	Cold weather (shut in winter) valves closed-follow up system to restore in sprain.		
10.	Dry barrel fire hydrants pumped out, properly lubricated.		
11.	Antifreeze solutions in systems checked for proper concentration.		
12.	Water tank in good condition, properly heated, not leaking.		
13.	Valve/meter pits dry and frost proof.		
14.	Fire Department connection, fire pump hose headers and fire hose properly drained.		
	Heating Equipment	Yes	No
15.	Insulation on piping adequate/good condition to prevent freezing.		
16.	All equipment in good repair and properly maintained.		
17.	Chimneys, smoke pipes, and flues in good condition and cleaned.		
18.	Adequate clearance to combustible building materials, stock, etc.		

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19.	Operating and safety controls checked according to manufacturers instructions.		
	Temporary Heating Equipment	Yes	No
20.	Salamanders and other open flame devices prohibited.		
21.	All equipment listed by recognized testing lab and used in accordance with manufacturers instructions.		
22.	Adequate clearance maintained to combustible floors, walls, ceilings and contents.		
23.	Adequate fuel on hand and safely stored in listed containers.		
24.	Backup equipment available-listed recognized test lab.		
	Flammable Liquids	Yes	No
25.	Ventilation and static electricity controls in place. (Increased static electricity/decreased ventilation worsen hazard in winter)		
	Fire Extinguishers	Yes	No
26.	All units properly charged and serviced.		
27.	Water fire extinguishers protected from freeze-up.		
28.	Antifreeze solutions (if used) at proper concentration.		
	During Severe Winter Weather	Yes	No
29.	Accumulations of ice, snow cleared from hydrants, driveways, sprinkler control valves, hose cabinets and other essential equipment to allow effective fire suppression.		
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