

APRIL # OF PERMITS	RUNNING YTD # OF PERMITS	YEAR TO DATE # OF PERMITS
26	65	91

APRIL # OF NEW HOMES	RUNNING YTD # OF NEW HOMES	YEAR TO DATE # OF NEW HOMES
2	2	4

APRIL VALUATION OF NEW HOMES	RUNNING YTD VALUATION OF NEW HOMES	YEAR TO DATE VALUATION OF NEW HOMES
\$ 636,317.00	\$ 641,395.00	\$ 1,277,712.00

of Inspections Done :
April - 16
Year to Date - 74

APRIL # OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS	RUNNING YTD # OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS	YEAR TO DATE # OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS
1	0	1

APRIL VALUATION OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS	RUNNING YTD VALUATION OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS	YEAR TO DATE VALUATION OF ALL COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00



This edition's **FOCUS** is ~ May 2023 Building Safety Month
Building Safety ~ "It Starts with YOU!"

Week 1 ~ Building Safety Starts at Home

Activity book (pages 3-10) you can print for your younger residents.

Building Safety Month is an international campaign celebrated in May to raise awareness about building safety. The 2023 Building Safety Month theme is "**It Starts with YOU!**" For more than 42 years, Building Safety Month has reinforced the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

Week 1 ~ (May 1–7): Building Safety Starts at Home

Week 2 ~ (May 8–14): Building Safety Professionals and You

Week 3 ~ (May 15–21): Prepare Your Community

Week 4 ~ (May 22–28): Advocate for Your Community

Week 5 ~ (May 29–31): Solving Challenges Together

Did you know?

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, it takes less than 30 seconds for a small flame to burn completely out of control and turn into a major fire. Within minutes, a house can fill with thick, black smoke and become engulfed in flames. Building safety codes designate minimum window and hallway sizes to allow occupants to get out in case of emergency, and provide access for first responders to get in. Contact your local building safety department for more information.

Building Safety Tips Week 1 ~ May 1-7 ~ Building Safety Starts at Home:

Prevent Mold

1. Fix leaky plumbing and leaks in the building envelope as soon as possible.
2. Watch for condensation and water stains.
3. Fix sources of moisture problems as soon as possible.
4. Prevent moisture caused by condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level in the air (humidity).
5. Improve air flow to decrease moisture by opening windows or adding a fan.
6. Keep heating, ventilation and air-conditioning drip pans clean, flowing properly, and unobstructed.
7. Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside where possible.
8. Maintain low indoor humidity, below 60 percent relative humidity (RH), ideally 30 to 50 percent, if possible.
9. Perform a regular schedule of building/HVAC inspections and maintenance.
10. Provide drainage outside foundation walls and slope the ground away from the foundation to speed drying after rainfalls.



FIRE SAFETY

1. Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Put a smoke alarm inside every bedroom.
2. Make sure your smoke alarms work. Test your smoke alarms. When you push the test button, you should hear a loud noise. If you don't hear the noise, you need a new battery or a new alarm.
3. Make sure the smoke alarm always has a good battery. Put a new battery in the alarm every year.
4. Smoke alarms with long-life batteries will work for up to 10 years. You do not change the battery.
5. Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace every 10 years. Newer smoke alarms provide the 10 year date.
6. Tell your family what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Make an escape plan so everyone knows how to get out fast. Pick a meeting place outside the home where everyone will meet. Some children and older adults cannot hear the smoke alarm when they are sleeping. Make a plan for how to wake them up. Practice your escape plan with everyone in your family two times each year.
7. Install home fire sprinklers in your home. Home fire sprinklers and working smoke alarms greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase your property value and lower your insurance rates.
8. Portable heaters should be avoided but where used they need their space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away.
9. Install 1/8 inch or smaller, noncombustible corrosion-resistant mesh screening that cannot burn on attic/soffit vents and around wood decks to keep out embers. Install spark arrestors on fire place chimneys or wood stove vents.
10. Keep all items that can burn away from your home. Clean leaves from your gutters. Clear dead leaves and branches from shrubs and trees.



***~Smoke alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them.
Building safety codes require smoke alarms.***

***~CO alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them.
Building safety codes require CO alarms in all dwelling units that contain a fuel-fired
appliance and dwelling units that have an attached garage.***

***~Make sure all family members know how to unlock and open windows and doors.
Keep exits clear from obstructions.***



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Being a code official means that you make sure buildings are built safe and strong. Fill out this activity book to learn what to do to keep you and your family safe, aware and prepared. When you finish the book, you will earn the title of Junior Code Official. Good luck!



The International Code Council is a member-focused association and a leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

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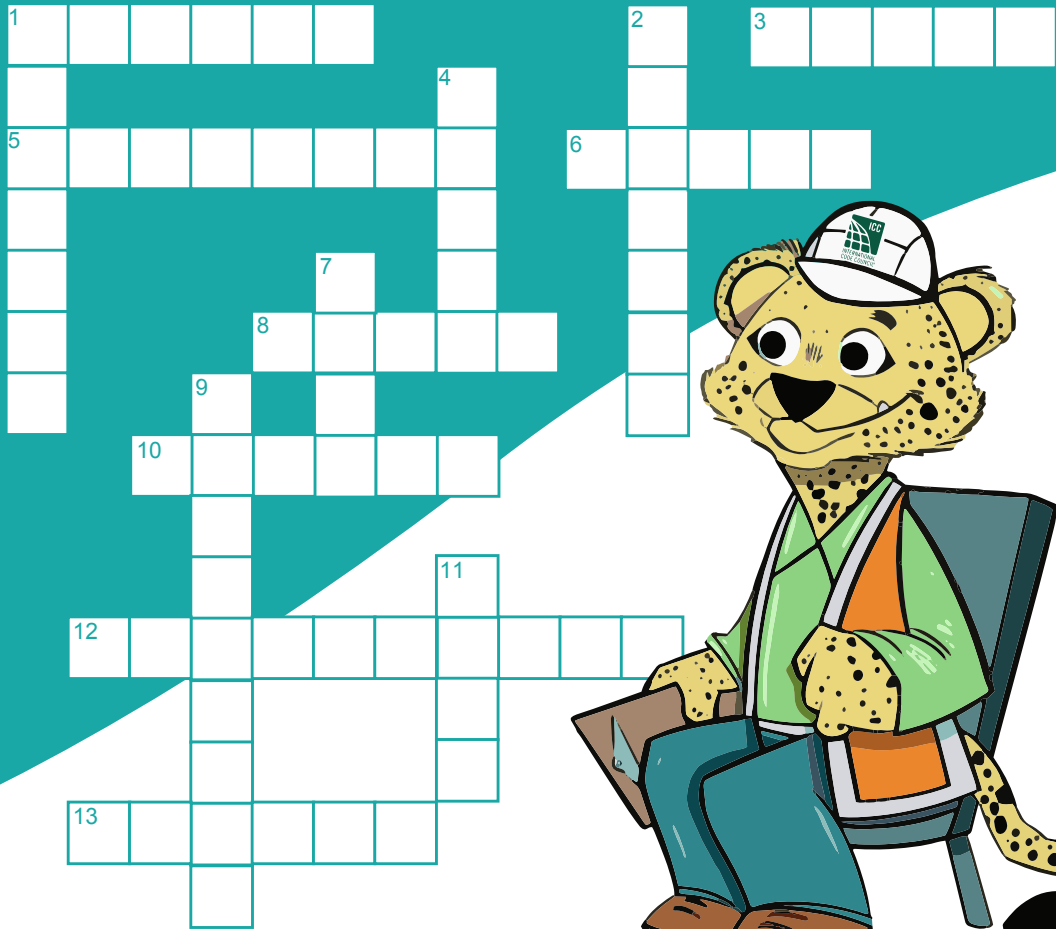


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Help solve this puzzle and learn how to live green. Be sure to have your parents help out.

WORDS

- WATER
- DONATE
- ELECTRONIC
- LITTERING
- LIGHTS
- RECYCLE
- CONSERVE
- REDUCE
- WASTE
- COLD
- PLASTIC
- BULBS
- REUSE
- BATH



ACROSS

1. When you use something less often, you _____ your use.
3. Use Energy Star light _____ to save and conserve energy.
5. To _____ energy is one way to use electricity wisely.
6. If you do not use resources wisely, you _____ them.
8. One way to conserve is to turn off the _____ while brushing your teeth.
10. Be sure to turn off the _____ when you leave a room.
12. Be sure to turn off all DVD players, video games, TV's, computers and other _____ devices when not in use.
13. One way to recycle is to _____ used items to charity instead of throwing them away.

DOWN

1. _____ means finding a new use for something instead of throwing it away.
2. Try using a reusable bag when shopping instead of using a _____ bag.
4. When you use something more than once, you _____ it.
7. Save water by taking a shower instead of a _____.
9. Throwing trash on the ground is called _____. Always throw trash in a can or recycle bin.
11. Use _____ water instead of hot when you help mom and dad with the laundry.

ACROSS: 1.Reduce 3.Bulbs 5.Conserve 6.Waste 8.Water 10.Lights 12.Electronic 13.Donate
DOWN: 1.Recycle 2.Plastic 4.Reuse 7.Bath 9.Littering 11.Cold

ANSWERS

SAFETY SEARCH



U E G U O D H O N D A W
S S E O D A N R O T R Q
D H A V I D D O H R R Z
N R R L U N L U E S G O
I F T D R F R I A T N O
W R H O L R O T T I I R
E R Q R I W G G W I N I
R L U C A Q W E A H T N
E L A E E I N T V A H O
V N K A R T E I E N G Q
E Z E E R F R E T N I W
S W I L D F I R E T L L

Can you find the following natural disasters and weather perils in the word search?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EARTHQUAKE | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTNING | <input type="checkbox"/> TORNADOES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HURRICANE | <input type="checkbox"/> HAIL | <input type="checkbox"/> WINTER FREEZE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILDFIRE | <input type="checkbox"/> SEVERE WINDS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> HEAT WAVE | |



SAFETY SCRAMBLE

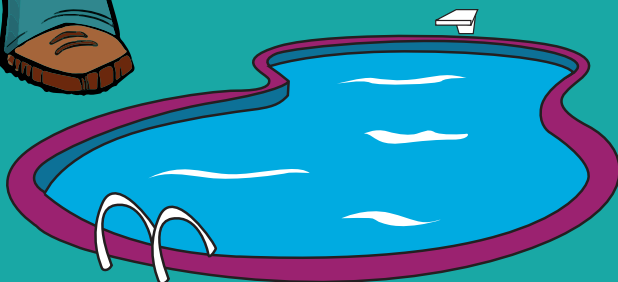
Unscramble the pictures below.
Be sure to talk with your parents for safety rules on using the pictured items.



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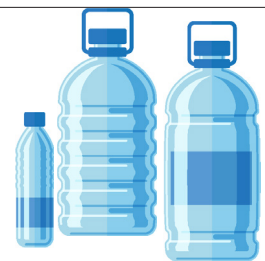
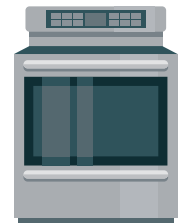


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ANSWERS: Diving Board, Grill, Fire Extinguisher, Swimming Pool, Ladder

SAFETY KIT FUN

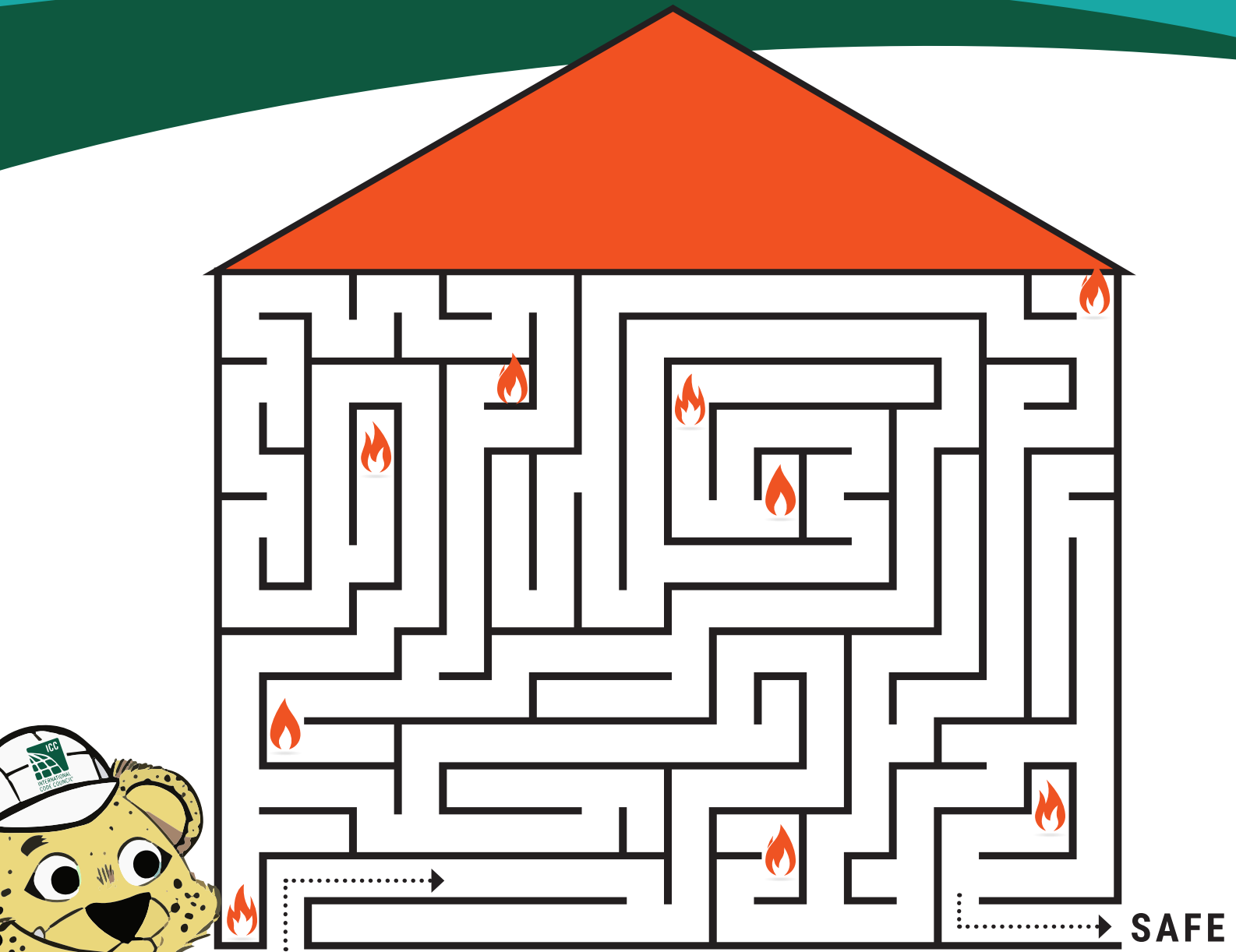
Be sure to always have a safety kit around the house in case of bad weather. Circle 10 items to include in the kit.



ANSWERS : Radio, Money, Medicine & First Aid Kit, Batteries, Dog Food, Important Documents, Water, Canned Food, Flashlight, Band-Aids

FIRE ESCAPE

Always have a plan for escape in case of a fire. Find a way to exit safely out of the home.



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This bedroom looks **DANGEROUS!!!** Help make hazardous rooms safer.
Circle 8 dangers which may cause a fire or make it hard to escape.



1. Matches on the floor on top of the newspaper.
2. Lamp without lampshade in contact with curtains.
3. A candle burning unattended directly under clothing.
4. Cords coming out of the light fixtures.
5. Iron left on.
6. Too many electronics tangled together in outlet.
7. Space heater is covered with a blanket.
8. Security bars across window.

ANSWERS



This certificate is presented to:

For successfully completing their

JUNIOR CODE OFFICIAL TRAINING

on this _____ day of _____

