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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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KEROSENE HEATERS

The use of Un-vented Portable Kerosene Heaters is prohibited in all occupancies except one and two family dwellings pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code. Although these units are permitted in one and two family dwellings, the Maplewood Fire Department does not recommend their use because of the human factor of carelessness usually associated with them and the fact that they are un-vented. However, if one still wishes to purchase a unit they should be aware of the following:

- Purchase only a unit that has been tested by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as U.L.
- Install and use the unit according to the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.
- Do not place the heater near combustibles. Maintain at least a 36" clearance from all combustibles.
- Keep children and pets away from the unit.
- Maintain adequate ventilation. Remember that the unit consumes oxygen and emits carbon monoxide in varying percentages.
- Use only the grade of kerosene recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not store fuel inside. Store fuel outside in either a plastic or metal container with fill and vent openings. The container is to be blue in color with the word kerosene in white letters on the container