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With the month of October, autumn moves into full swing. Who doesn't love pulling on a sweater for a walk in the woods, or a stroll through an apple orchard to enjoy the season's bounty?



### To-Dos: Your October Home Checklist



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

**Look** for places fire can start

**Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm

**Learn** two ways out of each room

Learn more at [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org)



- ✓ Rake the Leaves-to make quicker work of collecting leaves from a large lawn, rake fallen foliage onto a large plastic tarp then bag it
- ✓ Trim Dead Tree Limbs-dead limbs are more likely to fall during winter storms, which can cause potential safety hazards

- ✓ Cover outdoor Furniture & Grills-If you plan to leave patio furniture or grills outside, cover them well and stow beneath an overhang to protect from rain and snow



- ✓ Check Safety devices-test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the house and replace batteries as needed

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### Flying High for A Cause Benefit

First General was proud to man the grills during this event which benefitted Scott Walters who is battling leukemia. He is a family member of our business partners at Walters Associates. Thanks to everyone who helped out at this event!



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On 7/27/18 we came home to find water coming thru the ceilings of my brothers home. Since it was late I tried my best to suck up all the water with my steam vac. First thing the next morning we called First General. Mike and Cindy came right over and literally calmed me down and took over. Pictures, phone numbers, etc. Within hours the blowers and dehumidifiers were set up. For the next week they constantly checked in with us to ensure all was ok and when the house was able to be occupied again. We had an Insurance issue and never once did they stop doing their job. It took over a month and countless calls to get the insurance rectified and Dave and Nancy just kept telling me to not worry and to just keep them updated. Never once did they hound me or make me feel bad - they were always very courteous and understanding. The house dried up beautifully and thank God all was good. First General - THANK YOU for your FIRST RATE SERVICES! I Highly recommend your company!

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**Melissa S**  
2 reviews

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Prompt and courteous. Good company to work with.

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# October

## FUN FACT!

## Fun Facts About Pumpkins:

- > Pumpkins are a fruit that originated in Central America.
  - > 90% of the pumpkin is made up of water.
- > Illinois grows more pumpkins than any other state in the country. It harvests nearly 12,300 acres of fruit.
- > Using pumpkins as lanterns at Halloween is based on an ancient Celtic custom brought to America by European immigrants.



From the First General team, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween! Please be sure to keep the below safety tips in mind

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but Safe Kids' research\* shows some scary statistics on Halloween safety.



Only **1/3 OF PARENTS** talk to their kids annually about Halloween, although 3/4 report having Halloween safety fears.

On average, **TWICE AS MANY CHILD PEDESTRIANS** are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year.

Only **18%** of parents use reflective tape on their children's Halloween costumes.

**12%** of children five years of age or younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.

Talk with your goblins about Halloween safety, and how simple precautions can make it a fun and safe night for kids of all ages. For additional safety tips, please visit [SafeKids.org/Halloween](http://SafeKids.org/Halloween)

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and **CROSS STREETS WITH AN ADULT**

**ALWAYS WALK ON SIDEWALKS OR PATHS**  
If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.

Cross the street at corners, **USING TRAFFIC SIGNALS** and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

**DRIVERS SHOULD SLOW DOWN** and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

