



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TALKING POINTS 2026



“Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

- Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through October 10th.
- This year’s National Fire Protection Association theme is “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower.”
- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification (such as UL, ETL, or CSA). This means it meets important safety standards.
- Know the manufacturer's instructions and safety information for use, storage, charging, and maintenance.
- Never place batteries in direct sunlight or in a hot vehicle.
- Never overload your outlet when charging any device with a lithium-ion battery.
- Charge the device properly and only with the cords that came with the product.
- Unplug the device once it is fully charged.
- Keep lithium-ion batteries away from combustible materials when charging.
- Do not charge lithium-ion batteries when the environment is below freezing (32°F) or too hot (130°F).
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Visit call2recycle.org or contact your local recycling center or waste management department for proper disposal.
- Do not put discarded batteries together in a container or pile. To prevent fires, tape battery terminals, and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags.
- Warning signs that a lithium-ion battery is overheating include unusual odor, change in color, too hot to the touch, change in shape, not keeping a charge, smoking or sparking when plugging in, unusual noises (popping, hissing, buzzing), and leaking of liquid.
- If a fire begins from a lithium-ion battery, leave the area immediately. Lithium-ion batteries emit toxic gases and burn extremely hot, with explosions occurring in seconds. Call 9-1-1 and DO NOT try to fight or extinguish the fire.