



## Media Release

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### **Buy, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely**

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5 to Oct. 11

**Georgina, ON** – Georgina Fire and Rescue Services is teaming up with the [National Fire Protection Association® \(NFPA®\)](#) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) for more than 100 years – to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." It highlights how important it is to buy, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely. Fire Prevention Week takes place from Oct. 5 to Oct. 11, 2025.

Most of the electronics used in homes every day – smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones and toys – are powered by lithium-ion batteries. If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire or even explode.

"Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient and they're just about everywhere. I encourage people to look around their homes – it's important to know which devices are powered by them," said Fire Chief Ron Jenkins. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the buy, charge and recycle safely approach."

#### **Buy only listed products**

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

#### **Charge devices safely**

- Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

**Recycle batteries responsibly**

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit [call2recycle.org](https://call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.

Georgina Fire and Rescue Services is hosting its annual [Open House](#) at the Sutton Fire Hall, 37 Snooks Rd., on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in support of Fire Prevention Week. The event will include a free barbecue, interactive stations and various community partners.

Visit [georgina.ca/fire](https://georgina.ca/fire) for more information.

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