



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### ATTENTION - DEHUMIDIFIER FIRE HAZARD

In an effort to keep our community safe, the Appleton Fire Department would like to make all those that live and work in the City of Appleton aware of a nationwide recall of dehumidifiers. Hundreds of structure fires have been attributed to the defective dehumidifiers, including fires in Appleton and the Fox Cities, with property damage in the millions of dollars.

On September 12, 2013, Gree Electric Appliances, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, announced a recall of dehumidifiers manufactured by Gree Electric Appliances of China which were sold from January 2005 through August 2013. The dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke, and catch fire, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers.

The recall involves select 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 65 and 70-pint dehumidifiers with the following brand names:

Danby, De'Longhi, Fedders, Fellini, Frigidaire, GE, Gree, Kenmore, Norpole, Premiere, Seabreeze, SoleusAir, and SuperClima.

The dehumidifiers were sold at:

AAFES, HH Gregg, Home Depot, Kmart, Lowe's, Menards, Mills Fleet Farm, Sam's Club, Sears, Walmart and other stores nationwide and in Canada, and online at Amazon.com and Ebay.com, from January 2005 through August 2013 for between \$110 and \$400.

Please go to <http://www.greedehumidifierrecall.com/ProductEntry.aspx> or call the Gree Recall Hotline at 1-866-853-2802 from 8 am to 6 pm EST, Monday through Friday, to see if your dehumidifier is included in the recall. Recall information is also available on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Gree-Reannounces-Dehumidifier-Recall/>

If you have one of the recalled dehumidifiers, you should immediately turn it off, unplug the dehumidifier, and contact Gree to receive a refund. In an effort to determine the extent of this problem in Appleton, please call Fire Inspector David Kempen at (920) 832-5829 should you find that you have one of the recalled dehumidifiers. In an effort to contact as many people as possible, please pass this information on to your family and friends.

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