



**Northern Illinois
Fire Sprinkler
Advisory Board**

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SIDE-BY-SIDE BURN DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, April 7, 2010

3 p.m.

Who: Bloomingdale Fire District
SimplexGrinnell

What: Two 8 X 8 foot rooms have been built in the parking lot of the Indian Lakes Resort and Conference center. Both rooms will be filled with typical household furnishings. An automatic fire sprinkler will be installed in one of the rooms. Fires will be started in both rooms for viewers to see firsthand how quickly it will spread in the unsprinklered room and how quickly it will be controlled in the protected room. Firefighters will fight the fire in the unsprinklered room after flashover occurs.

Why: Fire sprinklers are the next generation in home fire safety. Over sixty Chicago-area communities require sprinklers in all new construction homes, and many require fire sprinklers in all new commercial buildings. Fire sprinklers have been protecting public buildings for more than 100 years. Now homeowners can have that same protection in their homes. Smoke alarms alert you when there is a fire. Recent information demonstrates that children often do not wake up to the sound of smoke alarms. Fire sprinklers control the fire and often put it out before the fire department arrives on the scene.

Where: The Indian Lakes Resort and Conference Center, located at 250 Schick Rd. in Bloomingdale.

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