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Fire Safety Tips

As Jefferson Parish citizens return to their residents on Monday, September 5, 2005, here are some suggested fire safety tips in securing their home.

Due to the current conditions in Jefferson Parish, the parish is experiencing low water pressure throughout the Parish. Therefore, please use common sense and use extreme caution when using fuels such as gasoline, charcoal lighter fluid and propane. In addition to these flammable items, smoky materials and burning candles can also be a fire hazard. Another safety measure that is recommended is that if you received water in your home, turn off your main circuit breaker. Once the electrical power is restored, a short in the electrical wires could occur and cause a fire.

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