



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ***October 2025***

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

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week has been observed for more than 100 years as the longest-running public health observance in the United States, working to educate people about the risks of home fires and ways to minimize them; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” runs from October 5 - 11, 2025, with a focus on educating everyone about the safe use of lithium-ion batteries through the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics we use in our homes; including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, lawn equipment, headphones, and toys; are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which, if damaged or improperly used, can overheat, catch fire, or even explode; and

WHEREAS, to reduce these risks, residents are urged to:

1. **BUY** only products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory;
2. **CHARGE** devices safely, using manufacturer-approved cords and chargers, and never charging on beds, couches, or under pillows;
3. **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly by taking them to approved battery recycling locations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Colony is committed to promoting this campaign and empowering residents to understand, identify, and safely manage the lithium-ion battery-powered devices in their homes; and

WHEREAS, local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a vital role each year in spreading these life-saving fire safety messages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as ***FIRE PREVENTION MONTH*** in the City of Iowa Colony, Texas and encourage all residents to participate in Fire Prevention Week activities, to recognize the importance of preventing home fires, and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safety approach when using lithium-ion batteries.

Dated This 15th day of September 2025.

Wil Kennedy, Mayor