

**Independence Day Safety Guidelines**

• Fireworks are illegal in the state of Rhode Island and dry conditions make the burning of banned fireworks even more dangerous this holiday weekend. The Jamestown Fire Department said that children and adults risk injury and potentially dangerous situations by using them.

• Bonfires require a permit from the town anywhere on Conanicut Island. "Permits are required because the fire department goes out and assesses the area to make sure it is safe to burn an open fire," Fire Marshall Howie Tighe said. "Water must be available and the fire area must be contained." Any person burning an illegal fire will be cited by police.

• Grill use increases substantially over the holiday weekend. Be sure to check tanks for leaks, burn only materials approved for use in grills and keep the grill away from the house or any other structure when it is lit. "People want to light their grills in the garage if the weather is bad and that is a great way to cause a fire," Tighe said.

• Only swim in approved areas and never alone or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

• If a fire or dangerous situation should occur, contact the Jamestown fire or police department immediately. "We don't want people to think they can handle it themselves and then have the situation escalate out of control," Tighe said. "A small fire can turn into a big one in a hurry."

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To Whom It May Concern:  
Patrick Baker is a master painter with an extensive knowledge about construction. Recently, he painted Eveherdee, my home in Newport, an 1891 Sanford White Victorian. As one knows, Victorian homes are noted for a multitude of colors and Eveherdee sports six wonderful mixtures...beautiful to look at, hard to paint.

Patrick and his wonderful crew took on the challenge of painting a three-story house with impossibly high eaves and the added task of material matching all along the way. The house turned out magnificently, mainly due to the attention to paint detail on the spindles, grooves and trimlines associated with a Victorian.

Patrick is first rate, always updating information about any problems and always on schedule. I highly recommend him for any job.  
Sincerely,  
*Nick DiGeronimo*  
Vin Di Bona

Patrick,  
Many thanks for the great work you and your crew did at our new home! We really appreciated the effort and skill and timeliness - it took no longer than you said, and your follow-up to make sure we were satisfied.  
It is good to know of a painting contractor who will do what he says he will, when he says he will. We'll certainly call you again!

Sincerely,  
*Tot Wright*  
Tot Wright

Dear Patrick,  
It was a pleasure working with you this spring. Your crew did a beautiful job painting our trim and staining our cedar shingles. All the workmen were professional, courteous, and conscientious. Your foreman was always available and approachable and I liked the fact that you came by each day to assess the crew's work and keep me up to date on the progress.  
In addition to being knowledgeable about the work, your organizational skills are truly amazing. The job was done quickly and efficiently and minor problems were addressed skillfully by an appropriate craftsman.  
We were left with a quality product and I'm happy to recommend you to anyone who needs this type of work done!

Sincerely,  
*Priscilla Szneke*  
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