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## Temporary lighting causes minor fire

**SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP/ May 26, 2010** –A temporary clip-on light being used as permanent closet lighting caused a small fire this past Monday on Wilson Drive, after an item of clothing was left on top of the light.

Springwater Fire and Emergency Services received the call around 5:45 pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and about 30 firefighters responded. When they arrived on the scene, they found the fire smoldering, and light smoke throughout the residence. The fire was under control within about 20 minutes, and the house suffered only minor smoke damage.

“Springwater Fire and Emergency Services cautions people against using temporary lighting as permanent lighting sources,” said Springwater Township Fire Chief Tony Van Dam.

“I also encourage residents to ensure they have working smoke detectors in their home, as smoke detectors are often responsible for helping residents safely escape in case of fire.”

Springwater is a municipality of approximately 18,000 residents located in the heart of Simcoe County and consistently offers residents one of the lowest property tax rates, in comparison to similar sized municipalities in the area. Springwater Township is also home to the second largest concentration of County Forests and is a popular destination for outdoor activities in all four seasons.

In 2009, the Township celebrated its 15th anniversary of the amalgamated Township of Springwater.

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