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# INFORMATIONAL MEDIA RELEASE

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### Product Recalls of Dehumidifiers and Smoke/CO Alarms

Recently, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPSC) announced three major recalls that affect the safety of individuals with a wide variety of dehumidifiers and combination smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detectors. The Appleton Fire Department is concerned for the safety of our community and feels that notification of these recalls is extremely important in protecting our citizens.

First, on November 29, 2016, Gree Appliances re-announced a product recall that involves 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 65 and 70-pint dehumidifiers with brand names of Danby, De'Longhi, Fedders, Fellini, Frigidaire, GE, Gree, Kenmore, Norpole, Premiere, Seabreeze, SoleusAir and SuperClima. The brand name and the pint capacity are printed on the front of the dehumidifier. The model number and date code are printed on a sticker on the back, front, or side of the unit. The dehumidifiers are white, beige, gray or black plastic and measure between 19 and 24 inches tall, 13 and 15 inches wide, and 9 and 11 inches deep. The hazard is that the dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke and catch fire, posing serious fire and burn hazards to consumers. Consumers should contact Gree toll-free at (866) 853-2802 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.greeusa.com](http://www.greeusa.com) and click on RECALL for more information.

Second, on November 10, 2016, Kiddie announced a product recall of Kidde NightHawk combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. This recall involves Kidde NightHawk talking combo smoke/CO alarm with model number KN-COSM-IB and manufacture dates between June 1, 2004 and December 31, 2010. The alarms are hard-wired into a home's electric power. The unit has a compartment on the back for the installation of a

replaceable 9V backup battery. The alarm is white, round, and measures about 5 to 6 inches in diameter. "Kidde" is engraved on the front of the alarm. "Kidde," the model number and manufacture dates are printed on a label on the back on the alarm. The hazard is that the alarm can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its seven year end of life if the batteries are replaced, leading consumers to believe it is still working. This poses a risk of consumers not being alerted to a fire or CO incident in their home. Consumer should contact Kidde toll-free at 855-239-0490 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Notice" for more information.

Third, on November 2, 2016, GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Ltd., announced a product recall that involves 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 75-pint dehumidifiers with the following brand names: Airworks, Alen, Arcticaire, Arctic King, Beaumark, Coolworks, ComfortAire, Comfort Star, Continental Electic, Crosley, Daewoo, Danby, Danby & Designer, Dayton, Degree, Diplomat, Edgestar, Excell, Fellini, Forest Air, Frigidaire, GE, Grunaire, Hanover, Honeywell, Homestyles, Hyundai, Ideal Air, Kenmore (Canada), Keystone, Kul, Midea, Nantucket, Ocean Breeze, Pelonis, Perfect Aire, Perfect Home, Polar Wind, Premiere, Professional Series, Royal Sovereign, Simplicity, Sunbeam, SPT, Sylvania, TGM, Touch Point, Trutemp, Uberhaus, Westpointe, Winix, and Winixl. The hazard is that the dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke and catch fire, posing serious fire and burn hazards. The brand name, model number, pint capacity, and manufacture date are printed on the nameplate sticker on the back of the dehumidifier. To determine if your dehumidifier has been recalled, enter the model number at <https://www.recallrtr.com/dehumidifier>. Consumers may contact GD Midea at 800-600-3055 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at [www.midea.com/us/](http://www.midea.com/us/) and click on Product Recall for more information.

If you have questions, please contact Battalion Chief Joseph Strauss at 920-832-3934

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