

# 30 Days 30 Ways

## Family Emergency Preparedness

### Fire Extinguisher

#### HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

It's easy to remember how to use a fire extinguisher if you can remember the acronym PASS –

- P** Pull
- A** Aim
- S** Squeeze
- S** Sweep

**Pull** the pin. This will allow you to discharge the extinguisher.



**Aim** at the base of the fire. If you aim at the flames (which is frequently the temptation), the extinguishing agent will fly right through and do no good. You want to hit the fuel.



**Squeeze** the top handle or lever. This depresses a button that releases the pressurized extinguishing agent in the extinguisher.



**Sweep** from side to side Until the fire is completely out. Start using the extinguisher from a safe distance away, then move forward. Once the fire is out, keep an eye on the area in case it re-ignites.



*Household fire extinguishers are meant for "small" fires (approximately the size of a small waste basket).*