

## Fire Sprinkler Save

At approximately 4:30 am on April 22, 2011 the Chanhassen Fire Department responded to a water flow alarm at 7635 Arboretum Village Circle. This address is for one townhome of an 8 plex building. Water was seen coming from beneath the garage door and light smoke coming from above the door. When the first engine arrived and the garage door opened the room was full of smoke and the only fire seen was a piece of plastic burning less than 4"X 4", which was extinguished by the fire department.

The investigation revealed that the homeowner had extinguished a cigarette in a planter partially filled with a planting material at about 10:15pm the night before the fire. The fire smothered and burned for over six hours before tripping the fire sprinkler head which was about 7' directly above the planter. Had the fire sprinkler not been present this could have resulted in a fully involved structure fire as opposed to a fire small enough to be extinguished with a pressurized water extinguisher.



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