

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure

Important Tips to Keep You and Your Family Safe this Winter



- Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home and place in an area where you will be able to hear it if the alarm sounds.**
- Replace batteries in your detector ever 6 months. The average lifetime of a carbon monoxide detector is 5 years.**
- Schedule a yearly service appointment with a qualified technician for your heating system, water heater, or any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances.**
- If you have a fireplace in your home, schedule to have your chimney checked and cleaned each year.**
- Check to see if your gas appliances are properly ventilated. The horizontal vent pipes should go up slightly as they go towards outdoors.**
- If it snows, remember to clear snow from your furnace's intake and exhaust vents. Blocked vents could shut off your furnace or allow CO to enter the home.**
- For attached or standalone garages that store your vehicles or lawnmower, always open the overhead door prior to starting the motor.**