

Home Winter Safety Tips

- Never use a gas range, oven or stove to heat your home!
- Make sure that outdoor vent openings and air intakes are not obstructed by snow or ice. Your natural gas appliances, including your furnace, fireplace, water heater, and clothes dryer, require good ventilation to operate properly.
- Propane & Natural gas is odorized to smell like rotten eggs. If you smell it, be sure to leave your house immediately and call 9-1-1 or your local gas utility from a safe location.
 - Have a qualified professional regularly clean and inspect your gas appliances.
- Never store rugs, furniture, boxes, rags, mops, paper or anything flammable like paint or cleaning supplies near your gas appliances or furnace.
 - When using space heaters, always install according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - Have a fire extinguisher readily available incase of a small fire.
 - Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, CO is a very dangerous gas that you can **NOT** see, smell or taste and is a potentially deadly gas.
 - Signs of possible CO leak within your home include:

A yellow or flickering pilot light or flame. Pilots and burners should have a steady blue flame. • An unusually strong odor known as aldehydes. Some describe the odor as that of burning Styrofoam or diesel exhaust. • Unexplained nausea, drowsiness, watering eyes, or flu-like symptoms. • Excessive moisture. • Soot build-up near appliances.

