

Home Heating Safety

- Read labels and follow all warning and lighting instructions.
- Keep clear space around heating equipment.
- All home fuel burning equipment should be inspected yearly by an expert. Fuel burning heaters used to warm the house should be vented to the outside. If you must use an unvented heater, be sure to leave a window open at least one inch and turn off at night.
- Do not use a gas range or oven for heating a room. Never use a charcoal grill inside. Never close a fireplace vent until the fire is completely extinguished.
- Internal combustion engines; such as automobiles, boats, lawnmowers, and generators produce lethal amounts of CO. Never run these engines in a closed or confined area
- Inspect chimneys, stove pipes, flues, and connectors to be sure they are clean and in good repair.
- If you smell a strong gas odor, turn off the pilot light, and do not operate electrical switches. Call the gas company from another location.
- Turn off heating equipment if you smell fumes, your eyes sting, or you become dizzy or nauseous while it is operating, or if it has a fluttering or yellow flame.
- Do not use a space heater if the ceramic radiants are broken or out of place.
- Never store or use flammable liquids like gasoline, cleaning fluid or paint thinners near heating equipment.
- Never smoke while working with gas powered equipment.
- If your heating equipment has a pilot light and you have trouble keeping it lit or if the control valve is hard to operate, call the gas company to have it serviced.