

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY INFORMATION

While natural gas is a safe, efficient and reliable fuel, it always pays to perform annual equipment inspections. Here are some tips for continued safe use and enjoyment of your appliances:

- Keep your appliance's vents and air intakes free of obstruction. Gas meter assemblies should be kept free of snow, ice or any other obstruction. On meter sets with a pressure regulator, ice and snow can interfere with the safe operation and ventilation of the house pressure regulator.
- Keep paper, rags, paints, cleaning fluids and any other flammable materials away from furnaces, water heaters, ranges, dryers or other natural gas appliances. These items should not be stored in the same room as your natural gas equipment.
- Always remember to CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. It's as easy as dialing 811. A call to WV811 will alert owners of underground facilities of your planned activity and allow them time to locate their facilities. Visit the WV811 website for more information. There is no cost for this service.



SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



Dizziness



Chest Pain



Confusion



Headache



Symptoms of
gas poisoning



Nausea

Check that appliances are properly operating and correctly vented. Improper combustion could result in carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible and odorless gas. Above are indicators of carbon monoxide exposure.

It always pays to have a qualified technician conduct annual equipment inspections.

If an appliance is not operating at its peak performance level, there could be inefficient fuel usage or improper combustion of the fuel.

- The annual appliance inspection should include a check of the appliance's flame characteristics. Check flues and chimneys to make sure that they are clear and unobstructed by nests, branches, ivy, etc.
- Always report any unusual odor of gas to Mountaineer Gas Company at 1-800-834-2070.
- **In addition to smoke detectors, it is advisable to purchase multiple Carbon Monoxide (CO) and gas detectors for your home and/or business.**

Check out the Mountaineer Gas Company website for more safety and natural gas related information.

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