

CARBON MONOXIDE CAUTION

Winter snows can create drifts that block exhaust vents, forcing carbon monoxide gas (CO) to back-up into your home. Exhaust air from high-efficiency appliances and those with power vent blowers often is not warm enough to melt snow in a plugged or covered exhaust pipe or vent. The Fire Dept. advises everyone to check sidewall and direct vents to be sure they are free and clear of snow and other obstructions. Carbon monoxide detectors are a good line of defense against CO poisoning. They have been required in all homes since 2006 and should be placed on every level of your home. If a CO detector sounds, get out of the house and notify the fire department. Seek medical help if you have symptoms of CO poisoning.

Reminder:

- Check vent pipes, flues and chimneys for leaks or blockages.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors.
- Do not use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Don't leave a vehicle running inside a garage-fumes can build up quickly.
- Never use a gasoline-powered engine (generator, snow blower, chain saw) indoors or near doors or windows.

*CARBON MONOXIDE IS ODORLESS, COLORLESS,
TASTELESS, AND POISONOUS.*

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