
MAINTAIN NATURAL GAS EQUIPMENT

Natural gas is a safe and efficient way to cook, heat our homes and hot water.

- Have your furnace and hot water heater professionally checked every year.
- Do not use or store gasoline or painting supplies inside where they can be ignited by the pilot light.

Gas leaks can be dangerous – if you smell something like rotten eggs or you think there might be a leak,

- Move outdoors.
- Do not smoke or turn on or off electrical switches - sparks can cause an explosion.
- Dial 911 immediately.

MAINTAIN OIL HEATING EQUIPMENT

Home heating with fuel oil is also safe and efficient.

- Have your furnace professionally cleaned and checked every year.
- Don't let the tank get below one-quarter.
- Call for service if the oil burner releases smoke or soot in the house.

CARBON MONOXIDE: THE SILENT KILLER

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide (CO) in the home.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home.
- Don't use the gas stove or oven for heat
- Have furnaces and chimneys checked annually by a professional.
- Keep appliance vents and exhaust pipes clear of drifting snow and bushes.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

For information on fuel assistance, please call the HEATLINE at 1-800-632-8175 (or for Boston only 617-357-6012) or on-line at www.mass.gov/dhcd.

*For further information go to:
www.mass.gov/keepwarmkeepsafe*



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