

Home Heating



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As much as we would like to prolong the summer months, we cannot deny that fall and winter are just around the corner. The summer months prompt us to consider specific safety topics that relate to being outdoors; yard work, recreation, and even during times of vacation. However; as we shift gears and head into fall and winter it prompts us to consider specific safety topics that relate to being indoors, and especially that of **HOME HEATING SAFETY**.



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Here are some proactive measures to prepare for the heating season:



1. Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



2. Have a certified technician inspect and clean furnace.



3. Make sure flues, vent piping, and chimneys are clear without obstructions and venting dangerous fumes out of your house safely and correctly.



4. Replace furnace filter.



5. Contact your natural gas/propane supplier to perform a routine gas check and ensure no leaks are present. *Sunrise Cooperative freely provides this service every 5 years.*



6. Have updated fire extinguishers in your home and train everyone on their location and use.



7. Be extra cautious when required to use portable heating; as they can create other hazards such as fires, venting, and carbon monoxide concerns.

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