

Stay safe this winter!

A gentle reminder to check your home for fire hazards.

- Have your heating appliance checked by a professional.
- Make sure your chimney is clean and that the liner is in good repair. Rust, separated seams, and interior collapse are signs that your chimney must be replaced.
- Check all ductwork, heating vents and registers. Dust and other combustibles can collect on your heating elements over the summer.
- A working smoke alarm is your first defence in the early detection of fire. Install one on every level of your home. Make sure you change its battery regularly.
- A carbon monoxide detector will help protect you against toxic gases and deadly fumes. These should be placed in furnace and laundry rooms, hallways and in any room containing a heating unit.
- Portable fuel-fired heaters and gas lanterns need ventilation when used indoors. Before operating these appliances, make sure gases are properly vented outdoors.
- Prevent deadly gases from entering your home. Don't run your car's engine or a portable generator in an attached garage or next to an open door or window where the exhaust can enter your home.
- Never attempt to thaw a frozen pipe with a torch or other form of open flame. Call a professional. You may also try using a hair dryer or electric pipe heat tape.

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