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CARBON MONOXIDE PROTECTION

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that comes from burning fossil fuels such as gasoline, wood, charcoal, propane, oil and methane. When these fuels burn incompletely, Carbon Monoxide is produced. Home heating and cooking appliances can produce Carbon Monoxide if they are not operating properly. Vehicles, lawn mowers and other fossil-fueled equipment are also a source of Carbon Monoxide.

Carbon Monoxide replaces the oxygen in one's bloodstream. Flu-like symptoms are an early indication of Carbon Monoxide poisoning and this can lead to difficulty breathing and eventually death. Carbon Monoxide Alarms provide early warning prior to one experiencing the effects of this deadly gas. Carbon Monoxide Alarms should be placed outside each separate sleeping area of a home.

In addition to the installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms, the following suggestions are offered:

Make sure a qualified professional properly installs all fuel-burning appliances.

Have heating appliances including natural gas dryers, woodstoves and fireplaces inspected annually by a qualified service technician.

Keep chimneys and flue pipes intact, unobstructed and free of blockages.

Have your vehicle inspected for exhaust leaks. During the winter months, make sure your tailpipe is not blocked or clogged by snow.

Never leave a vehicle motor or other fossil-fueled equipment running in an enclosed or semi-enclosed space. This includes attached as well as detached garages.

Maintain Carbon Monoxide Alarms as per the instructions of the manufacturer.