

# HEATING YOUR HOME AND KEEPING YOU SAFE

## Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- \* Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly.
- \* Woodstoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- \* Have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually.
- \* Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- \* Do not use excessive amounts of paper to build fires.
- \* Never burn charcoal indoors.
- \* Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel.

## Kerosene Heaters

- \* Be sure the heater is in good working order. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup.
- \* Never use fuel-burning appliances without proper venting. Kerosene can produce deadly fumes.
- \* Use only the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer.
- \* Keep kerosene stored in approved metal containers in a well ventilated storage area, outside the house.
- \* Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot.
- \* When refueling, do so outside the home.
- \* Keep young children away from space heaters especially when wearing loose clothing as it may be ignited.

## Furnaces

- \* Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut offs are in proper working order.
- \* Leave furnace repairs to the professionals
- \* Inspect the walls and ceilings near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- \* Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.