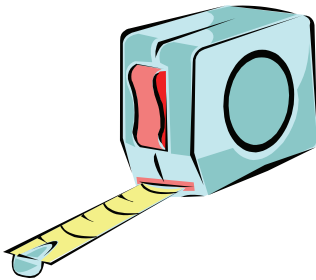




# Home Heating Safety

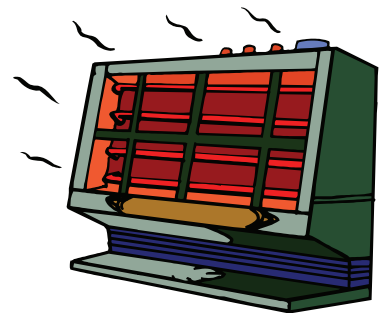
Every year heating equipment is involved with nearly 60,000 home fires across the United States. What can you do to prevent the things that keep your home comfortable during the cold months from creating a fire hazard?

- Start by keeping them clean. Every year before the weather turns cold is the perfect time to clean your heating equipment. If you use burn wood to heat your home you can borrow chimney cleaning equipment from us for free. If you are unsure of how to clean your heaters consult a professional. Always allow ashes to cool before you dispose of them.



- Keep a safety zone of 3 feet clear around your heaters. Never put furniture, drapes, or anything that can burn within this safety zone.

- Never heat your home with propane or gas powered heaters that are designed to be used outside. The build up of poisonous carbon monoxide gas from these can be silent and deadly.



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