

# Natural Gas Safety Checklist

This checklist will help you and your family better understand how to safely use natural gas in your home. Never investigate around appliances without adult supervision.

## Furnace

What type of energy is used to heat your home?

Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Yes	No	Not Applicable
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Is the area around the furnace clean and are the pipes free from hanging objects?

Is the filter in the furnace clean?

## Water Heater

What type of energy is used to heat the water in your home?

Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Yes	No	Not Applicable
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Is the area around the water heater clean?

Do you turn on cold water first and then hot to make warm water?

## Stove

What type of energy is used to operate your stove?

Natural Gas	Electricity	Propane	Other	Yes	No	Not Applicable
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If you use a natural gas stove, is the flame on the stove blue? (If not, a service person, or your natural gas company, should be contacted).

## Fire Extinguisher/Home Fire Sprinkler System

Yes	No	Not Applicable
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Do you have a fire sprinkler system in your home?

If you do NOT have a fire sprinkler system, how many fire extinguishers are in your home?      Where are they located?

## Ventilation

Yes No Not Applicable

Do all natural gas appliances have a constant supply of oxygen?

Is there proper ventilation when using wood burning stoves or fireplaces indoors?

Do you use portable grills outside only, not indoors or in the garage?

Do adults operate a nonelectric car or vehicle away from an enclosed area and never in the garage with the door closed?

Is your home equipped with a carbon monoxide detector and smoke alarms?

Are aerosol cans, paint or flammable substances kept away from any natural gas appliances?

## Digging on Your Property

Yes No

Before digging a hole on your property (e.g. fence posts, mailboxes, planting trees) do you contact or call 811 so that underground pipeline locations will be marked?

## Playing Safe

Do you play away from any natural gas equipment, including pipes and meters?

## Natural Gas Odor

Do you and your family know what to do if you smell the natural gas odor, mercaptan, in your home?

Do you have the phone number of your local gas company nearby?

If you answered no to any questions on this checklist, think about what your family can do to change those answers to yes and take action now! Follow the recommendations listed below to help you be energy safe.

## Natural Gas Appliance Safety Recommendations

- Contact a certified natural gas appliance contractor:
  - To perform routine maintenance on appliances to keep them clean and in proper working order
  - If a natural gas flame is not blue
  - If a pilot light will not light
  - If you need to move your natural gas appliances
- Clean or change filters on furnaces and dryers regularly.
- Keep flammable items like paint, solvents, cloth and paper away from natural gas appliances.
- Provide proper ventilation in areas around furnaces, water heaters, dryers and stoves, etc.
- Recognize the natural gas smell mercaptan.
- Make sure your home has carbon monoxide and smoke detectors as well as fire extinguishers (or sprinklers).
- Make sure outside natural gas equipment is free of snow and ice in inclement weather.
- Call 811 before digging in the yard.