



## CDC Checklist: Heat Your Home Safely During Winter Weather



- Have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:
  - Fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or gas log fireplace
  - Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- Check with your local fire department to make sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and nonglowing elements.
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.
- Have the following safety equipment:
  - Chemical fire extinguisher
  - Smoke alarm in working order (Check once a month and change batteries once a year.)
  - Carbon monoxide detector
- Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning: Do not use the generator or appliances if they are wet.
- Do not store gasoline indoors where the fumes could ignite.
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances.

