

## SEASONAL INFO:

There is snow on the northern mountains and the morning temperatures are getting a little brisk. The cold fronts are coming through every few days now and the hot temperatures of summer are gone for another year. How deep you are into the fall season depends largely on where you are, but one thing is for sure.

With cooler weather fast approaching, the time for turning on the furnace is near. According to the Environmental Protection Agency there are approximately 500 deaths and 15,000 visits to the emergency room due to unintentional CO poisoning. Below are some prevention tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### You Can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure

\* Do have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or

coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

\* Do install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911.

\* Do seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are

feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseous.

\* Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline

or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.

\* Don't run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.

\* Don't burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.

\* Don't heat your house with a gas oven.

For more detailed information, visit <<http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>>

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