

# USE YOUR NATURAL GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY



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# For Safety Awareness Month, Washington Gas is sharing tips on how to safely use natural gas appliances.

## GENERAL APPLIANCE SAFETY

- Keep the space around your furnace and water heaters free of debris.
- Only have a licensed contractor connect your natural gas appliances.
- Never use an oven or range for heat.

## FURNACE SAFETY

- Do not store flammable combustibles such as paint or gasoline around fuel-burning equipment.
- Replace air filters regularly to reduce dust.

## WATER HEATER SAFETY

- Have a contractor perform a maintenance check every 6 months to a year, including temperature/pressure relief valve and venting.

**Important:** Carbon monoxide detectors are necessary for every home and should be checked regularly. To learn more about natural gas appliance safety, visit [WashingtonGas.com/Safety](https://www.washingtongas.com/Safety). Also, if you smell gas, leave the building immediately and call 911 and then call the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line at 844-WASHGAS.



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