

# NATURAL GAS APPLIANCE SAFETY TIPS



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

## COOKING SAFETY

- Clean the burners of grease and oil
- Keep a fire extinguisher near your kitchen as water can't extinguish a grease fire
- Turn off burners when range is unattended
- Never use an oven or range for heat

## FURNACE SAFETY

- Have your furnace cleaned and checked by a contractor annually
- Replace air filters regularly to reduce dust
- Keep area around furnace clean and clear

## 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](http://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 703-750-1400.**



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