

# Winter *is* **HERE!**

To ensure the safe and efficient operation of your natural gas appliances, it is important that you **carefully clear the air intakes and exhaust pipes, and your meter.**

If your meter becomes covered in ice, call Customer Service promptly at 819-771-8321.

For more tips on safety and maintenance for your natural gas appliances, go to **[gazifere.com](http://gazifere.com)**.



## About **carbon monoxide**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odourless, colourless, toxic gas. It results from the incomplete burning of combustibles like wood, oil, gasoline, propane gas and natural gas.



The first symptoms of CO intoxication are headache, nausea, sleepiness, dizziness and, in the most severe cases, by confusion, loss of consciousness and even death.  
**Be watchful!**

To see the new City of Gatineau by-law respecting carbon monoxide alarms, go to **[ww.gatineau.ca](http://ww.gatineau.ca)**, under public safety / firefighters / prevention.

**You can prevent the production of CO** by inspecting your chimney, making sure the air supply and ventilation are adequate, and especially by having your furnace and other combustion appliances maintained regularly by specialists.

## Furnace maintenance\*

**Check and clean the furnace filter throughout the heating season** and if necessary, replace it. A dirty filter reduces air flow, impairs performance and compromises the safe operation of your furnace.

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\*Check the manufacturer's manual.

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