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Dear Residents,

We trust this message finds you well as we gear up for the forthcoming fall and back-to-school season. We have several important updates we'd like to bring to your attention:

- **Traffic Garden:** We are delighted to announce the completion of a Traffic Garden at Community Park. This unique playground allows children to actively participate in interactive play while gaining a deeper understanding of traffic safety within a safe, controlled environment.
- **Blue Envelope Program:** Our Police Department has partnered with other Montgomery County Police Departments to introduce the innovative Blue Envelope Program. This initiative is designed to make traffic stops safer for individuals who may have difficulties with communication, as well as for the officers involved.
- **Fall Frolic:** We are excited to announce the return of the beloved Fall Frolic event, a long-standing tradition held in Hickory Park. We eagerly anticipate the joy and community spirit this event will once again bring.

As we prepare for both the back-to-school and winter seasons, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a safe and enjoyable fall.

Best regards,

Marie Livelsberger, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day – Monday, September 4  
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23  
Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors	First Thursday and Third Thursday (as needed) of each month
Planning Commission	Second Wednesday of each month
Municipal Authority	Third Wednesday of each month
Recreation Committee	First Wednesday of each month
Environmental Advisory Board	Second Monday of each month

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA beginning at 6:30 PM

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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## UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
09-07-2023	6:30 PM
09-23-2023	BOS Road Tour
10-05-2023	6:30 PM
11-02-2023	6:30 PM
12-07-2023	6:30 PM
PLANNING COMMISSION	
09-13-2023	6:30 PM
10-11-2023	6:30 PM
11-08-2023	6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	
09-20-2023	6:30 PM
10-18-2023	6:30 PM
11-15-2023	6:30 PM

## WELCOMING THE NEW ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER

We are thrilled to introduce Maggie Dobbs as the Assistant Township Manager of New Hanover Township. She is also serving as the Director of Planning & Zoning and the Zoning Officer. Maggie joined us at the beginning of this year, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise in planning and zoning.

Prior to joining our team, Maggie served as a planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission, where she worked with numerous communities, including our very own New Hanover Township. Most recently, she was the Assistant Manager at Westtown Township in Chester County. Her extensive background in planning and community development has already proven to be a valuable asset to our organization.

Maggie holds a master's degree in city and regional planning from Rutgers University, which has equipped her with a comprehensive understanding of the field. In addition, she has been certified as a planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 2018, demonstrating her commitment to upholding the highest professional standards.

We are delighted to have Maggie Dobbs on our team, and we are confident that her expertise and passion will continue to benefit New Hanover Township and its residents. Please join us in welcoming Maggie and recognizing her outstanding contributions so far.

## ORDINANCE CORNER

Do you know your property's impervious cover? All impervious coverage added to your property after July 23, 2007 contributes toward the cumulative amount of regulated impervious cover. When the cumulative amount of impervious cover exceeds 1,000 square feet on a residential property, you will be required to install a stormwater management facility. Regulated impervious coverage includes decks, patios, sheds, pools, and driveways, including all gravel driveways. Some properties have other regulatory limits on the amount of impervious cover that can be added, so check your property records before planning that big backyard project! Recently bought your house and not sure about the property's history? Call the Township Codes Department (610-323-1008 ext. 102) for a permit review to know your options, or to inquire which permits are required for your project.

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# FATS, OILS AND GREASES

Fats, Oils and Greases (FOGs) have a significant impact on wastewater systems. These substances are commonly found in household and industrial wastewater, and if not properly managed, can cause a wide range of problems. One of the primary impacts of FOGs on wastewater is the formation of blockages and clogs. Fats and oils can solidify and accumulate in pipes and other wastewater infrastructure, leading to reduced flow rates and blockages. This can result in costly repairs and maintenance, as well as disruptions to the functioning of wastewater treatment plants. Another impact of FOGs on wastewater is the reduction of dissolved oxygen levels. When FOGs enter wastewater systems, bacteria begins to break them down through a process called biodegradation. This process consumes oxygen, which can lead to reduced levels of dissolved oxygen in the wastewater. Low oxygen levels can harm aquatic life and negatively impact the performance of wastewater treatment plants. In addition to these impacts, FOGs can also contribute to the formation of unpleasant odors in wastewater. This is because the breakdown of FOGs can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are responsible for the characteristic foul odors associated with wastewater. To mitigate the impacts of FOGs on wastewater, there are several measures that can be taken. One common approach is to implement source control measures, such as educating the public and industry on the proper disposal of fats and oils. This can include encouraging the use of grease traps in commercial kitchens and promoting the use of absorbent materials to capture FOGs in household wastewater. Overall, the impacts of FOGs on wastewater can be significant, but there are measures that can be taken to mitigate their effects. By implementing source control and treatment measures, wastewater systems can function more effectively and efficiently, while minimizing the negative impacts of FOGs on the environment and public health.

## Cooking Oil and Grease Clog Pipes

No one wants their sewage back.

**Where does it go?**

STEP 1 Cool oil/grease	STEP 2 Remove oil/grease from pots and pans	
<b>Small amount of grease</b>  Wipe with paper towels or newspaper FOOD & COMPOST	<b>Large amount of oil</b>  Pour cooled oil into container, close lid Place NEXT to RECYCLE cart	<b>Large amount of grease</b>  Scrape into container, close lid GARBAGE

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Over 108,000 pounds of unused prescription and over-the-counter medicines and pills have been collected in Montgomery County since the drug disposal program began in 2010. The aim of the program is to make Montco homes safer in order to prevent overdoses and accidents, while also providing a method for residents to safely dispose of these unwanted, expired medications. The program is a partnership with the Montgomery County Police Chiefs Association and the District Attorney's Office.

Accepted throughout the year at permanent MedReturn boxes are prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, pet medicines and vaping products.

Not accepted are needles, liquid meds and intravenous/injectable solutions.



**Drop your unwanted medicines off year-round at your Police Department:  
New Hanover Township Police Department (8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs)  
2373 Hoffmansville Rd., Frederick, PA 19435 (610) 327-1150**

## BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

New Hanover Township Police have joined other Montgomery County Police Departments with the newly released Blue Envelope Program. This program is designed to help vehicle drivers who have conditions such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), communication challenges, dementia, anxiety, or other conditions that might impair their ability to communicate easily during a traffic stop, car accident, or other on-the-road interactions with police officers. The program also raises awareness among police regarding this population of drivers and the kind of driver reactions they may observe during a traffic stop.

When the officer approaches the vehicle during a traffic stop, the driver is instructed to inform the police officer that they have a Blue Envelope and then hand the officer the envelope. Inside the blue envelope, the driver is instructed to place a copy of their driver's license, automobile registration and proof of auto insurance along with a form that includes information about the driver's special needs and a contact person, if necessary, to assist with the interaction.

The Blue Envelope Program has been implemented in other parts of the country. The Montgomery County Police Chiefs Association enthusiastically supported the idea and added other types of driver conditions beyond ASD to make this program more inclusive.

The special Blue Envelopes are available for free to all residents at police departments across Montgomery County. We have plenty available in the lobby at New Hanover Township PD so please stop and see us for an envelope if you believe this program could benefit you, a family member, or a friend.

A graphic of a light blue envelope with a white flap. The text on the envelope is as follows:

**DRIVER HAS SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**DRIVER IS:  VERBAL  NON-VERBAL**

THIS DRIVER:  IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM  
 MAY HAVE DEMENTIA SYMPTOMS  
 HAS COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES  
 OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE PAPERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

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**DRIVER:** *Keep your hands on the steering wheel unless otherwise directed.  
The officer may shine a flashlight in your car.  
When asked for your vehicle/driver documents, hand the officer this envelope.*

**OFFICER:** *Driver may show signs of anxiety due to bright lights and noises.  
Driver may have difficulty communicating and may not maintain eye contact.  
Please speak clearly. Driver's responses may be slow.  
Consider contacting the person(s) listed on the form in this envelope.  
Clearly tell the driver when the stop is over that they can leave.*

Two police department seals are visible on the right side of the envelope.



## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

**As the new school year approaches, a quick reminder to help keep students safe!**

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

### Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

The penalties if convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law include:

- \$250 fine
- Five points on your driving record
- 60-day license suspension

### Tips for Parents/Students

- Get to the school bus stop five minutes early so you won't have to run across the road to catch the bus.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.

- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.

- Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.

- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.

- Be aware — cross with care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.

- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.

- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.

- If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions.

- Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.

- When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.

- Never cross the street behind the school bus.

- If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.

- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into the car with a stranger.

For more information, please check out [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us) School Bus Safety Tips



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# UNVEILING THE NEW TRAFFIC GARDEN FOR ROADWAY SAFETY EDUCATION

New Hanover Township, in collaboration with Montgomery County, has unveiled a new traffic garden at Community Park, introducing an interactive play area designed to educate children about basic roadway safety practices in a low-risk environment. The installation of this innovative facility will promote safe cycling and pedestrian habits among young residents.

The traffic garden, resembling a miniature town, provides children with a hands-on experience where they can explore and practice essential traffic laws. Equipped with scaled-down streets, road signs, traffic signals, and even a railroad crossing, the garden enables participants to learn and understand the fundamentals of road safety in a fun and engaging manner.

One of the primary objectives behind the establishment of the traffic garden is to offer a safe space for children to familiarize themselves with traffic regulations. By immersing themselves in this simulated environment, youngsters can develop a better understanding of pedestrian and cyclist responsibilities, traffic rules, and the importance of following road signs and signals.

Moreover, Montgomery County and the Department of Health & Human Services plan to organize events and activities at the traffic garden to further promote safe cycling and walking habits. These initiatives will create opportunities for children to enhance their knowledge about road safety and encourage the adoption of healthy and sustainable transportation practices.

With the traffic garden, New Hanover Township aims to raise awareness about pedestrian and cyclist safety among its youngest residents, addressing ongoing concerns regarding traffic safety. By providing a dedicated space for children to learn and practice safe habits, the township is equipping the next generation with essential road safety skills, fostering a safer environment from an early age.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

## Leaf Season:

- Leaves are recyclable and can be composted on your property, or you can drop them off to Hetrick Gardens at 2620 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, Pa. No charge for New Hanover Township Residents.



## Stormwater:

- All storm drains are checked and monitored before and during storms.
- Never dump anything into storm drains and never mow grass into the streets as it will clog drains and fill road drainage swales. Sweep up any grass clippings that get blown into the street.

## Snowstorm Tips:

- Use off street parking when snow is predicted; when you park in the driveway there is less snow to shovel.
- Do not park over storm drains so crew can clear snow and ice to avoid flooding from melting runoff.
- Do not shovel or snow blow snow back into the street after it has been plowed.
- Think Safety: never approach moving snow equipment, just because you can see the driver does not mean they can see you.
- If there's a fire hydrant near your home, please "adopt" it and keep it clear in case of an emergency.

## A smart way to shovel your drive

*How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:*



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## State Roads in the Township:

- North Charlotte St, Big Road "Route 73", Layfield Road "Route 663"

## Montgomery County Roads in the Township:

- Swamp Pike, Deep Creek Road from Kulp Road to the township line at Fisher Road, Kulp Road from Deep Creek to Hill Road, Henning Road from Deep Creek to Snyder Road, Snyder Road.



# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department ensures that residents can take part in leisure, entertainment and recreational activities. The Recreation Committee with the assistance of the Township staff, is responsible for planning and implementing events and programs while the Township's Public Works Department oversees park maintenance.



## FALL FROLIC



The annual Fall Frolic is slated for Saturday, September 16th at Hickory Park, with a rain date of September 17th. This grand event, our biggest of the year, occupies the entire park. Wristbands will be available for purchase, allowing attendees to partake in the various rides. Enjoy an array of attractions including both adorable and fascinating animals, pony rides, local businesses, food trucks, crafts, and live music.

To ensure the continued success of this long-standing event, please consider volunteering. Tasks primarily involve overseeing crowd flow at attractions to avoid overcrowding. If you're interested in volunteering for a few hours or the entire day, please email [sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org).



## HALLOWEEN HAUNT



Embrace the spirit of Halloween with us at the spooktacular barn in Community Park on Saturday, October 28th from 6pm to 8 pm. If you, or a group you are a part of, are interested in decorating a section of the barn, please reach out to [sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org). Children will be treated to goodies provided by local businesses, and costumes are highly encouraged.



**The Recreation Committee is constantly working on planning exciting events and activities. Stay tuned to our Township website for the most up-to-date information and details or follow us on Facebook.**

## PARKS AND FIELDS

### Community Parks:

- **Hickory Park:** 2140 Big Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Swimming Pool, Concession Stand, Pavilion Rentals, Grills, Playground, Fishing & Gaga Pit
- **Swamp Creek Park:** 3179 Reifsnnyder Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Model Airplane Flying, Walking Trail (.8 miles), Historical School House, Small Playground & Dog Friendly
- **NHT Community Park:** 2766 Gail Drive, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Barn Rental, Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball Court, Frisbee Golf, Hockey Court, Walking Trail, Pavilion Rental, Picnic Tables, Grills, Playground and Dog Friendly
- **Pleasant Run Park:** 600 Schultz Road, Perkiomenville – Amenities: Fishing Pond & Park Benches

- **Deep Creek Park:** Deep Creek Road (North of Pleasant Run Park), Perkiomenville – Amenities: Trails, Bird Watching & Picnic Tables
- **Windlestrae Park:** 132 Chalet Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Small Playground
- **Briar Ridge Park:** Magnolia Drive, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Small Playground

### Athletic Fields:

- **Windlestrae Park:** 132 Chalet Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Two Football Fields
- **Middle Creek:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Baseball Field & Two Soccer Fields
- **Layfield Park:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Three Soccer Fields

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES “VETERAN PARKING ONLY” SIGN TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the installation of a “Veteran Parking Only” sign in the front parking lot of the Municipal Building. The sign is intended to honor our veterans and show appreciation for their service.

“On behalf of the Board, this parking space is a small token of our appreciation to honor the service of all the brave men and women of our armed forces who have served or are currently serving our country,” said William “Ross” Snook, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “We hope that it will serve as a reminder of their service and sacrifice.”



*Thank You*

## Be HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few safety tips.



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### HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all time when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

### Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 1,000 reported home fires each year.

# NEW HANOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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Dave Hoffman**

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Robert Ward**

**Fire Marshal  
William Moyer**



The New Hanover Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services serves our community with great dedication, operating from two stations located at 2154 Swamp Pike and 513 Schultz Road. Our capable team consists of 52 active firefighters, who responded to 287 emergency calls in 2022.

The mission of the New Hanover Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services is to prepare for, respond to, and operate in a safe manner to all reported emergencies, and other requests for service in New Hanover Township. The New Hanover Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services will help our citizens and visitors deal with natural and man-made emergencies. The New Hanover Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue serves the community selflessly.

To uphold our commitment to service, our New Hanover Fire and Rescue trains every Thursday night. They are always open to new members, who can help not only in firefighting operations but also in social roles, supporting fire prevention activities and public events.

In addition to their rescue services, volunteers also host a Bingo night every Friday at the 2154 Swamp Pike location.





If you're interested in joining the team or if you have any queries about the New Hanover Fire and Rescue, please reach out to [info@newhanoverfirerescue.org](mailto:info@newhanoverfirerescue.org).



**Smoke Alarms Save Lives!**



**Test your smoke alarms once a month.**

A smoke alarm can save your life in a fire. Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working.

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**Replace your alarms after 10 years.**

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.

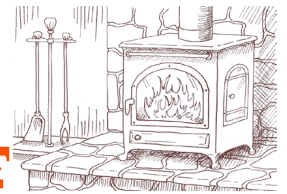
# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- » CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- » Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- » Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- » Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- » Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- » If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- » If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- » During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- » A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- » Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.



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