

Fire Prevention Tips for Hearth Appliances

Make sure your Hearth Appliance habits are safe and will not pose a danger to your home or your neighbourhood.

FOR ALL HEARTH APPLIANCES

Safe Set-up

- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand and place smoke detectors throughout the house. Test the smoke detectors and batteries regularly. See that the extinguisher is in good working order and that all family members know how to operate it.
- Obtain a building permit prior to installing or replacing your Hearth Appliance, as required by the laws in your area.
- Advise your insurance company about the installation or replacement of your Hearth Appliance
- Have your Hearth Appliance installed out of the way of foot traffic and away from furniture and draperies
- To fully understand the necessary steps involved in proper operation, read the manufacturer's instruction manual for your specific hearth product.
- If your Hearth Appliance is being installed in a home during construction or renovations, do not operate it until the area is thoroughly cleaned (drywall dust and other contaminants may harm the fan motors and burners)

Using your Hearth Appliance

- Do not store combustible materials, gasoline or other flammable liquids near your Hearth Appliance
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a Hearth Burning Appliance. If your child is not in a playpen, an adjustable gate system that fits most Hearth Appliance areas can be installed which allows adult access to the Hearth Appliance but keeps kids outside in the safety zone. Alternatively the same kind of safety gate system can be used to cordon off the entire room to prevent your child wandering into the room alone.

Regular Maintenance

- Maintain your Hearth appliance regularly in accordance with the Manufacturers Specifications, and industry best practices.

FOR GAS HEARTH APPLIANCES

- Installation and repair of a gas Hearth Appliance should be done by a licensed gas contractor
- Children should be carefully supervised when they are in a room with a Hearth Appliance. The glass insert surrounding your natural gas Hearth Appliance can quickly heat up to temperatures higher than 200 C. Once turned off, it takes 45 minutes for the glass to cool back down.
- Gas Hearth Appliances with glass doors should not be operated if the glass is cracked or broken.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions in the owner's manual, or use the care guide for maintenance and use of your gas Hearth Appliance
- Have a licensed gas contractor clean and inspect your Hearth Appliance on a regular basis.
- Check vent regularly, as recommended in the owners manual.