

## CENTRAL FORCED AIR

- Many natural gas furnaces use air from the room to operate. Lint and dust carried by air or items stored in or around the furnace can block airflow. To operate safely and efficiently, your natural gas furnace must be kept free of dust and lint buildup or other obstructions stored near the furnace, such as newspapers or cleaning equipment.
- Most forced-air furnaces have a filter; check furnace filter monthly for lint buildup during periods of furnace use and clean or replace if necessary.
- When installing filters, be sure to reinstall the front panel door of the furnace properly so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front-panel door properly in place because doing so may create the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Most current forced-air furnaces have a safety switch that prevents furnace operation when the filter compartment door/panel is not in place.
- Some older forced-air furnaces do not have a safety switch and can be operated with the filter compartment door/panel off or not properly in place. These older furnaces, when installed in a closet and operated with the panel/door not in place, will circulate carbon monoxide throughout the home.

## CENTRAL GRAVITY FURNACE

- Keep furnace heat registers free of obstructions.
- Don't store items nearby that might restrict airflow.



### REMEMBER

Check furnace filter monthly for lint buildup during periods of furnace use and clean or replace it if necessary

## FLOOR FURNACES

- Avoid lint buildup by vacuuming the floor furnace and the area around it on a regular basis.
- Avoid fires—don't place rugs, furniture or combustible items over or near the grill and do not restrict the airflow.

## WALL FURNACES

- Clean inside the burner compartments of built-in, vented wall furnaces once a month during the heating season to prevent lint buildup.

## ALL UNVENTED NATURAL GAS ROOM HEATERS

Using an unvented natural gas heater in your home is a violation of the California Health and Safety Code. These heaters are not approved for use in homes in the State of California.

- Poor operation can result in an accumulation of hazardous fumes, such as carbon monoxide, which could cause illness or death.
- Unless a room heater has enough air from an outside vent or an open window, all the oxygen in a room can be used up, resulting in illness or death.
- The flames in these heaters are not fully covered, which could result in fires.



### SAFETY TIP

Keep children away from heater grills as they can become very hot