



We Honor Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans and is a time for recognizing and celebrating past achievements while looking ahead to a brighter future for all. Visit [bge.com/Diversity](https://www.bge.com/Diversity) to learn about how BGE continues to create a corporate culture that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Smell Natural Gas?

Get out fast and call 911 or 877.778.7798

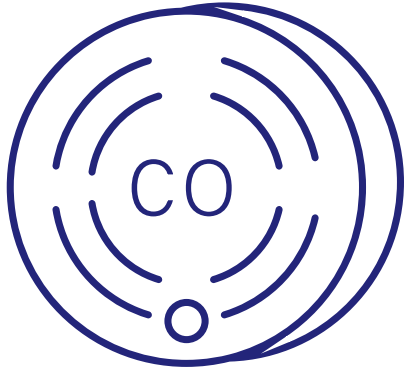


Natural gas is colorless, tasteless, and odorless in its natural state. Therefore, BGE puts mercaptan, a safety additive, in natural gas to give it a rotten egg odor and make it easier to detect. If you suspect a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately, go at least 100 feet away, and **CALL 911 OR BGE AT 877.778.7798**. Emergency gas service calls are answered 24/7, and we will respond quickly at no cost to you. Don't use matches, or turn anything on, even a cell phone. For more information on natural gas safety, visit [bge.com/GasSafety](https://www.bge.com/GasSafety).



Carbon Monoxide Safety

A buildup of carbon monoxide (CO) from incomplete combustion of fuels, such as natural gas, and inadequate ventilation can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Signs of buildup of this colorless, tasteless, odorless gas include stuffy, stale air, high humidity, and soot from fireplaces or furnaces.



Stay safe around your appliances with these helpful tips:

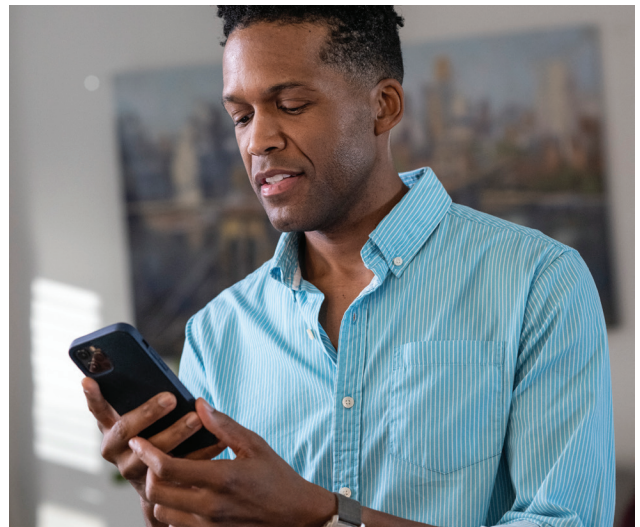
- Reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning by scheduling a yearly check-up with your qualified gas and oil appliance contractor
- Remember to change the batteries in or replace your carbon monoxide detector routinely
- Exposure to carbon monoxide gas can cause headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, and loss of muscle control
- The best treatment for exposure to carbon monoxide is to get fresh air and immediate medical attention

Natural Gas Safety

When used correctly, natural gas is a safe, more efficient source of power. Natural gas is a flammable material and should be used with caution. Many gas appliances have open burners and older models may have pilot lights that burn continuously.

Stay safe around your appliances with these helpful tips:

- Keep the area around your gas appliances clear of all flammable objects and substances
- When cooking, the flame should not extend beyond the bottom of the pot
- Keep burners on your range clean
- Make sure to not use or store flammable products in the same room or area where any gas appliance is installed



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