

MAINTAINING YOUR GAS APPLIANCES

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It's easy to keep
your appliances
safe all year round.



AROUND THE HOUSE

- Gas appliances should be serviced every two years, or annually if they're more than 10 years old. If not, they can emit dangerous carbon monoxide.
- Never modify gas appliances. They should only be used as directed by the manufacturer.
- Installing and servicing natural gas appliances should only be done by a licensed gas fitter. To find one close to you visit masterplumbers.asn.au

OVENS, COOKTOPS AND RANGEHOODS

- Give your entire stove and grill a thorough wipe down with warm soapy water to remove food particles and dust.
- Check the flame on the burner - it should be blue. If it isn't it could need servicing. Contact a licensed gas fitter.
- Clean your oven and filters regularly (yes, more regularly than you do now).
- Using a gas stove or BBQ to heat your home is dangerous. Gas appliances should only be used as directed by the manufacturer.

GAS HEATERS

- Outdoor patio heaters should only be used outdoors, in a well-ventilated area.
- Be sure to give your gas heater a good clean before turning it on for the first time each year.
- Air filters and fans can become blocked by lint and dust. Depending on the make and model of your gas heater, you may be able to clean the air filter yourself. Consult your owner's manual to see if this is recommended and how to do it. If not, leave the cleaning to a licensed gas fitter.
- Be sure to choose the right cleaning products to do it effectively and safely. Check that they are appropriate for use with your appliance and be mindful that some cleaners may emit an odour when the heater is in use.
- If you have a portable heater, check the hose as they can become damaged and deteriorate with age. The bayonet connections should also be checked for damage.
- If your appliance is vented externally, flue pipes should be checked for damage. If you see any holes or loose-fitting joints, get them fixed immediately by a licensed gas fitter.

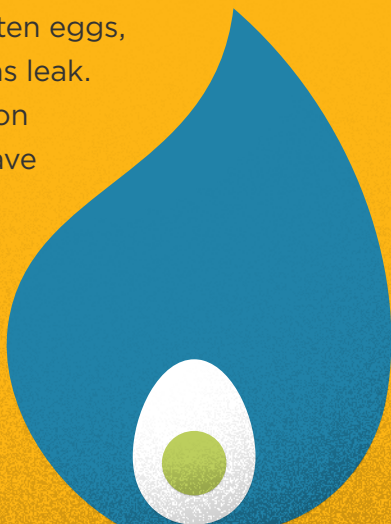
HOT WATER SYSTEMS

- It pays to give your system a quick check over once or twice a year to help avoid expensive repairs.
- Take a look at your hot water system's thermostat. If the temperature's set too high you could needlessly be wasting energy - and money!
- If you don't already have one, consider engaging a licensed gas fitter to install a temperature control valve. That way you can limit the bathroom water temperature to 49°C when in use, and 60°C when idle.
- Check the burner - the flame should be blue. If it's yellow your hot water heater may need servicing. Contact a licensed gas fitter.

BBQS

- Give your BBQ a thorough clean before and after each use to remove accumulated food, dirt and grease.
- Protect your BBQ from the elements by throwing on a cover between uses.
- Never store a gas cylinder indoors. Store your LPG cylinders upright and outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Better still, switch to a natural gas BBQ and eliminate any storage issues.

If you smell rotten eggs, it could be a gas leak. Eliminate ignition sources and leave the area.



When inhaled, carbon monoxide can cause headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, nausea and loss of consciousness. If you think you may be affected, seek medical help immediately.



When used correctly, natural gas is a safe, cost effective and reliable energy source.

For all gas faults and emergencies call ATCO:

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