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At the District Office:  
Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30  
a.m.  
Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30  
a.m.

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**CARBON MONOXIDE: THE INVISIBLE KILLER**

Carbon monoxide (CO) has no odor. You can't smell it and you can't see it. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can build up from any fuel-burning appliance or equipment if it isn't working properly or if the CO that is produced isn't conducted safely to the outside. For example, if there isn't enough oxygen available to run your furnace, the rate of CO production can greatly increase. If you don't have a venting system to capture the CO, then heavy or light CO production can lead to a deadly build-up in your home.

The North Tahoe Fire Department strongly recommends that every home be protected by at least one CO detector, which can alert you to dangerous levels of CO in your home in time to prevent poisoning. Early warning of hazardous CO levels is very important, but prevention comes first. Know what you need to do to ensure your home is safe from CO. Cooking and heating equipment and motor vehicles in attached garages make up a large percentage of the home CO problem, but portable electric generators, camp stoves and lanterns can also be culprits when not used properly.

The symptoms of CO poisoning – severe headache, dizziness, nausea – can seem like other illnesses, such as the flu or food poisoning. Learn the signs; CO poisoning requires immediate medical attention.

You can prevent CO poisoning in your home with these key actions:

- Install at least one CO detector near the sleeping area; test it every month and learn the sound of the alarm.
- Have heating equipment inspected each year to identify damage or malfunction; make repairs as needed.
- Open the flue before using the fireplace.
- If you use a kerosene or gas heater, open a window slightly when the heater is in use.
- Use equipment properly; never use an oven to heat a room and never bring BBQ grills indoors or into a garage or covered porch.
- Generators must be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas, never inside the home or garage.
- Always move vehicles out of the garage after starting the ignition and then close the door.
- Don't allow snow or anything else to block the vents for your dryer, stove or heating equipment.

If your CO alarm signals, take it seriously. Quickly check to see if the battery power is low. If the alarm is steady, assume there is a CO leak and evacuate your home. Call 911 and report a suspected CO leak. NTFPD personnel will respond and let you know if it is safe to go back inside or if you need to arrange for a service technician.

Carbon monoxide: you can't see it or smell it, but with the right actions you can stay safe from it. For non-emergency questions regarding carbon monoxide, contact the North Tahoe Fire District, Division of Fire & Life Safety at 583-6913.

**ALPINE MEADOWS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT RESTARTED**

The District received the “go-ahead” notice in September to restart the Alpine Meadows Community Consolidated Fuels Reduction Project for 50% of the remaining balance of the grant. The original grant was in the amount of \$176,375.00 and the District had expended \$27,276.00 before it received notice to halt work. The balance on the grant was \$149,099 at the time the District received notice to stop work. The District revised the necessary paper work and submitted it to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy District. Work was restarted on a reduced project. Then, in mid-November, the District received notice from the Conservancy District that we could proceed with 100% of the original project. So the project is back on track and the fuels reduction work will be done in the fall 2010.

**FATS, OILS AND GREASE – FOG**

Why is FOG prevention important to you? Grease in warm wastewater may not appear harmful but, as the liquid cools, the grease congeals and causes buildup in the interior of the pipe, accumulating into a hardened mass. Over time, layers of grease accumulate and restrict the wastewater flow which may cause a sewer to back up into the environment. Raw sewage overflowing into parks and creek, and even into your home and yards, requires an extensive, expensive and unpleasant cleanup. So, pour fats, oils, and grease into a container, such as an empty jar or coffee can and allow it to cool. Once the materials have solidified and the container is full, secure the lid and place it in the trash.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Christmas trees to be recycled will be collected, without charge, on your regular garbage service day during the week of January 11th to 15th. Trees must be exposed to view, free of foreign matter (i.e., tinsel, garlands, lights, stands, nails, flocking), and cut into three (3) foot segments to facilitate removal.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The normal garbage collection schedule will be in effect during the holidays.

**REMINDER - LATCH THE DUMPSTERS AFTER DISPOSING OF YOUR GARBAGE**

**Happy Holidays!**

