

# Heating & Ventilation

## **Ensure your heating and venting system is operating safely:**

- The furnace flame should be mostly blue and steady. A pale yellow or wavy flame is a sign the furnace is not working properly.
- Look for discoloration or soot build-up around the burner access door and vents.
- Replace any soft, rusted or broken vent piping.
- Clean air filters regularly and replace as needed.
- Ensure furnace panels and grills are in place and that the fan compartment door is closed when the furnace is on. Leaving these doors open can cause carbon monoxide to build up.
- Check to see that the furnace or boiler is free of dust, rust or corrosion.
- Keep the space around the furnace clean and clear.
- Have a qualified contractor inspect the furnace, venting system and chimney annually to keep it operating safely and efficiently.

## **Other important heating tips:**

- Never use a gas range as a space heater. Doing so can cause carbon monoxide to build-up.
- Put space heaters on a level surface and keep them away from curtains and other flammable objects.
- If you use a natural gas or kerosene space heater, be sure it's vented to the outside.