

# Fireplace Maintenance

There is nothing quite like curling up in front of a warm fireplace on a cold night. Follow these tips to ensure a safe and cozy night at home.

## Fireplaces With Chimneys

- Have a professional clean your chimney on an annual basis.
- Make sure the **chimney cap** is in good repair and free of clogs.

## Gas Fireplaces

- Before using, check the firebox, gas logs, and gas lines for damage or excessive wear.
- Vacuum the dust and other debris from the firebox.
- Do not alter or rearrange the logs in a gas fireplace.

## Electric Fireplaces

- Check the wiring components to make sure they are in good condition.
- Keep the inside and outside of the fireplace clean using normal housecleaning solutions.
- Clean the interior with a small vacuum (or can of compressed air.)



A chimney cap is a covering for a chimney preventing animals from entering your home, keeping moisture out, and protecting the roof from burning embers. A clogged chimney cap may force smoke back into your home.

## Fire Safe Fireplace Practices

- Never leave a fireplace fire unattended.
- Build a fire slowly. Add more wood only as needed.
- Always follow the **3 FEET RULE**.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms on each level of your home in the hallway near bedrooms/sleeping areas.

### 3 FEET RULE

Keep children, pets, and anything that could burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source.