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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE MAY BE CARBON MONOXIDE

Lately, carbon monoxide, or CO, has been a hot topic in the news and a few of our customers have asked their service technicians about whether it's something they need to be concerned about.

Well, you need to be aware of CO, but not worried. Although it is possible for heating oil – if not burning properly – to create CO, you don't have to be too concerned because the chances of this happening are slim, provided you have your furnace serviced annually. Even if your furnace were to malfunction (and you didn't have a carbon monoxide detector), you'd still have plenty of warning long before the CO

reaches harmful levels.

All fuels contain carbon, and carbon monoxide can be produced when natural gas, propane, wood, coal, fuel oil or other home heating fuels burn with insufficient air. When burning properly, they produce carbon dioxide (CO₂) which is an exhaust gas that is vented out the chimney. When not burning properly there's more CO. Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless, highly poisonous gas.

As it turns out, heating oil is safer than natural gas because it will produce smoke (and even soot) before hazardous levels of carbon monoxide are generated.

This smoke serves as an early warning sign to homeowners that something needs attention. On the other hand, if a natural gas burner malfunctions, it can generate extremely dangerous levels of CO before smoke is produced.

Rest assured that annual maintenance checks of your oil heating system by Petro Partners' qualified service technicians can dramatically lower the possibility of carbon monoxide buildup in your home. However, if you ever see any soot or detect any hint of smoke or other odour from your furnace, please call us. Now that you know a bit more about carbon monoxide, you can breathe a little easier.

NEWSWORTHY

See Us at Stouffville and Bolton Home Shows

This spring, discover new ways to save energy and money with Petro Partners' efficient, high-tech heating and cooling equipment. For example, our compact European Circle Boiler will be on display at the Stouffville and Bolton Home Shows. Ask our booth representative about this boiler and our other modern equipment. Just mention that

you're a Petro Partners customer and you'll receive a special gift with our compliments. More good news... admission to both shows is free!

Stouffville Country Market
12555 10th Line, north of Stouffville Side Road
Fri., Mar. 29 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 31 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Expo Caledon, Albion Bolton Community Centre

Hwy. 50 South, Bolton
Fri., Apr. 26 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Remember, if you can't make it to either show, you can still find out about modern oil heating equipment by calling us.

[HTTP://WWW.PETROPARTNERS.COM/~LETTERS](http://www.petropartners.com/~letters)

That's right, you can now find us on the World Wide Web! While browsing our Web pages, gather information on new equipment, special promotions, The Oil Gauge and more. It's the new way of keeping in touch with our customers. If you're not yet familiar with the Internet, well... just ask any kid. <g>* Visit us at our new Web site and let us know what you think and what you'd like to see. You can write, fax, or e-mail your response.

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PETRO PARTNERS ENVIRO-CARD #34

BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

Waste Reduction Ideas for Home and Work

Our home and work place are where we spend most of our time. By making a few small changes here and there, we can make a positive, collective impact on our environment. From paper to packaging, from dishes to furniture, reduce, reuse and recycle is not just a motto, it's a better way of life. Here are a few waste reduction tips you can use at home and at work.

- Donate old magazines and journals to hospitals, clinics, libraries, or homes for seniors.
- Use e-mail instead of sending memos, and whenever possible, don't print out e-mail you receive.
- Limit use of "stick-em" notes, which are usually coloured and hard to recycle.
- Purchase products with minimal packaging and/or in concentrated form.
- If you receive duplicate or unwanted catalogues, call or write the company.
- Use products that promote waste

reduction (products that are more durable, of higher quality, recyclable, reusable).

- Rent equipment that is only used occasionally.
- Establish a regular maintenance routine to prolong the life of equipment.
- Install reusable furnace and air conditioner filters.
- Avoid buying excess supplies that may never be used.
- Use returnable bottles.
- Sell or give old furniture and equipment to other businesses, local charitable organizations or employees.