

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



When a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move all people and pets outside immediately. Once outside, call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

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Install

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments, and workplaces.
- Install alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- In the workplace, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in areas where gas appliances are located, as well as areas with identified hazards.
- It is best to use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, all of them sound.

Inspect

- Test carbon monoxide alarms once a month.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas grills, charcoal grills, and generators can produce carbon monoxide. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.

Disposal

- Check the label on the device or research the type of alarm you have. Not all smoke alarms have radioactive materials.
- If your device does not contain radioactive materials per the product description, you can remove the battery and dispose of the alarm in the trash.
- If your product does contain radioactive materials, Orange County residents can bring it to any of OC Waste and Recycling's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers for free recycling. Visit www.oclangfills.com for more information on disposal locations.