

SEASONAL FLOODING TAKE ACTION. THINK SAFE.

CARBON MONOXIDE & FUELS SAFETY

When flooding occurs, key energy infrastructure can become temporarily out of commission, tempting residents to turn to alternatives that may be unsafe. Portable, fuel-fired generators, propane BBQs and other fuel-burning outdoor appliances are never safe to use indoors because they can cause carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, fires and other harmful risks.



Never use fuel-fired generators, heaters, camp stoves, outdoor lanterns or BBQs inside enclosed spaces.



Ensure generators used outside are situated away from open home windows, doors and vents.



Keep in mind that CO gas can also accumulate in car ports, garages and covered patios.



Consider using battery-powered CO detectors in areas where generators are operating.



Allow generators and appliances to cool before attempting to refuel them.



If drying a basement with commercial ventilating fans, keep in mind that these fans can create a 'negative pressure' environment causing CO from appliances in the home to spill back into the home. Ensure there is proper ventilation during the procedure.

THE CANADIAN PROPANE ASSOCIATION ALSO OFFERS THIS ESSENTIAL ADVICE.

- ✓ Learn how and where to shut off gas supplies to propane tanks and appliances.
- ✓ Propane tanks (even full ones) float in water, so secure tanks to fixed objects, when flood warnings are issued.
- ✓ Ensure family members recognize the rotten-egg or skunk-like smell of propane.



ELEVATOR SAFETY

Never use elevators in a flooding building or where there is any indication that water has leaked onto elevator components. Water can accumulate in elevator shafts or adversely affect an elevator's operation leading to entrapment or injury.