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Fireplace (Gas and Gas/Wood)

These instructions are to be used as a guide to help you maintain your home or office in a safe and efficient manner. They do not replace the requirements of the manufacturer. You should ALWAYS review your owner’s manual for additional preventive maintenance requirements.

This inspection is designed to increase safety and to save energy.

A carbon monoxide detector with an alarm and a battery backup should be installed and located in accordance with the installation requirements supplied with the detector on the floor level where the gas equipment is installed.

This inspection will accommodate wood fireplaces with gas starters and fireplaces with only a gas flame.

1. Inspect the gas burner and piping on fireplaces that use gas to start the wood on fire as well as those that just use gas to provide the flame. If the burner holes appear to be plugged or have ash on them, remove ash with a soft brush or vacuum.
2. Inspect the area above the opening for signs of smoke. This could indicate there is a problem with the chimney or that someone built a fire and did not open the damper.
3. Inspect the fire bricks that line the inside of the fireplace. The bricks should have a solid look without signs of crumbling or missing mortar. (These bricks insulate your home from the fire). If the bricks looks like they are decaying, contact a professional for an assessment before building a fire in the fireplace.
4. Open and close the damper. The damper should work freely and stay in the open and close positions. If the damper will not remain in both the open and the closed positions, make the necessary repairs or adjustments or call a professional for service.
5. Clean excess ashes from the fireplace once they have cooled.
6. Close the damper when the fireplace is not in use. An open damper allows the heated or cooled air within your house to escape through your chimney.

Take the time to do a thorough inspection. Ask if you have questions!



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Note: It is a good idea to vacuum out the fireplace area, including the damper area by using a vacuum with a hose attachment. Often, soot can build up on the damper and restrict its ability to fully open or fully close.

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