CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS

TOWNSHIP OF TINY – January 13, 2014 – The Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind everyone to clear snow away from your home’s exhaust vents.

With the recent storm resulting in severe drifting of snow it is important to remember to clear away any accumulation of snow from air intakes and more importantly exhaust vents around your home. The buildup of snow and ice around these vents may interfere with the proper functioning of your fuel fired appliances and pose a serious risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Clearing of snow from around any fire hydrants on your property would greatly assist us and help avoid delays in accessing water during and emergency.

Remember carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless and poisonous gas and is known as the “silent killer.” Carbon monoxide can be produced when you use your furnace, fireplace, gas stove, propane heater, kerosene lantern or other fuel fired appliance. Improper maintenance can cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to build up inside your home.

On December 12, 2013, the Hawkins Gignac Act received Royal Assent which will amend the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 and provide for the regulation of carbon monoxide alarms in the Ontario Fire Code.

Working smoke alarms save lives and so do carbon monoxide alarms. Don’t wait - install a carbon monoxide alarm today.

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