

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS



Albertville Fire Department



Gas Fireplace Safety



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- Have your chimney cleaned by a professional chimney sweep before you fire up your gas logs for the first time.
- Keep children away from the gas fireplace. If your model has glass doors, they will get hot enough to burn a little hand that leans against it.
- Keep combustible materials three feet away from the fireplace.
- Burning gas logs can deplete the oxygen in your home. If you burn vent-free gas logs for more than an hour, open a window slightly to replace the oxygen.
- Clamp your fireplace damper in the open position so it never closes. The open chimney will allow carbon monoxide to escape. A closed one will send it into your home, where it can poison your family. The gas is odorless and colorless, and it doesn't produce smoke like a wood fire does, so you won't know it's in the room until symptom develop.
- If there are children frequently in your home, you should have switch lock installed so that they can't turn on the fireplace by themselves.

Remember:

Make sure your home is equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor!!

Check Regularly to make sure they are working properly

- Keep the gas fireplace remote control out of the reach of children.

- Before cleaning your logs with a damp cloth, wait for the unit to cool completely.

- Contact your service professional if you smell any unusual odor or if the appearance of the flames changes. If you smell gas, call 911 and leave the house.

