

## Open Position on the Utilities Commission

Centennial Utilities is seeking to fill one position on the Utilities Commission. The position is due for appointment in January, 2024 and it is for a three-year term.

Serving on a commission or board is an excellent way to share citizen input and put individuals' talents to use. Applications are available at city hall or can be found on the city's website at [www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us](http://www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us). Additional information about the position can also be found on the city website. Applications must be received at Centennial Utilities/Circle Pines offices by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024.



## Local Programs for Heating Assistance

If you have difficulty paying your utility bills or need help improving the energy efficiency of your home, you may find help through one or more of the local emergency programs for heating assistance. Call for eligibility requirements and to see if you qualify.

**Anoka County Economic Assistance**  
763-422-7200

**Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP)**

Energy Assistance Program October 1 to May 31.  
Also call this number for no-heat situations.  
763-783-4747

**Salvation Army HeatShare (Anoka County office)**  
763-755-6873

*If you have questions about your Centennial Utilities bill, please call 763-784-6751.*



## Centennial Utilities Offices Closed

Monday, December 25  
for Christmas  
and  
Monday, December 1  
for New Year's Day

[www.centennialutilities.com](http://www.centennialutilities.com)

### Utilities Office

200 Civic Heights Circle  
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Phone: 763-784-6751 TDD: 763-231-2617

**Emergency after hours:**  
911 or 763-427-1212  
(ask for Centennial Utilities)

### Commission Members

*Commission meets on Wednesday, December 20 at 5 p.m.*

**Jan Kreminski, Chair**  
248 Pine Hollow Dr.

**Dwight Benoy**  
66 W. Golden Lake Rd.

**Curt Theis**  
67 West Rd.

**Eric Peterson**  
41 W. Golden Lake Rd.

**Brian Olson**  
227 Galaxy Dr.

# Prevent Accidental CO Poisoning

## Vent All Gas Appliances, Be Aware of Potential Hazards

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every year at least 430 people in the U.S. die from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. One way to prevent CO poisoning is to vent gas appliances properly.

Please remember:

- \* All gas appliances must be vented so that CO will not build up in your home.
- \* Never burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- \* Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home.
- \* Never patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, or something else. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home.
- \* Horizontal vent pipes to fuel appliances should not be perfectly level. Indoor vent pipes should go up slightly as they go toward outdoors. This helps prevent CO or other gases from leaking if the joints or pipes aren't fitted tightly. In addition to properly venting appliances, the following reminders will help to keep your family safe:
- \* Change the batteries in your CO detector every six months. If you don't have a battery-powered or battery back-up CO detector, buy one soon.
- \* Check the manufacture date on your CO alarms and replace them if at least six years have passed.
- \* Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.
- \* Never run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from an open window, door, or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.
- \* Never use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern, or portable camping stove inside a home, tent, or camper.
- \* Never run a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 or a health care professional right away.



## Store Flammables Away From Gas Appliances

Store flammable liquids away from natural gas appliances. Flammable liquids include cleaning solvents, gasoline, contact cement, paint and varnish. They give off vapors which can easily ignite if exposed to any source of ignition, such as an electrical spark or pilot light on a natural gas appliance.

Keep all flammable materials at a safe distance from sources of ignition and use only in open, well-vented areas.



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