FURNACE FIX PLAN

No-Heat Night Checklist

Furnace stopped tonight? Safety first, then the checks anyone can do. Sources: CPSC, NFPA, Ready.gov, ENERGY STAR and utility regulators.

SAFETY FIRST: LEAVE IF

- [ ] You smell gas (rotten egg or skunk smell) or hear hissing. Do not touch switches. From outside, call 911 and your gas utility.
- [ ] A carbon monoxide alarm is sounding. Get everyone outside, then call 911.
- [ ] Anyone has a headache, dizziness or nausea while the heat is on.

CHECKS YOU CAN DO

- [ ] Thermostat on Heat, set above room temperature, fan on Auto; try fresh batteries.
- [ ] Check the breaker and the furnace switch.
- [ ] Check the air filter. Replace it if it is dirty.
- [ ] Open all registers and clear anything blocking them.
- [ ] Stop there. Do not open burner or gas parts.

STAY WARM

- [ ] Go to a warm room, wear layers and a hat, and use blankets.
- [ ] Close off rooms you do not need.
- [ ] If cold or heat is extreme, go to a community location with power.
- [ ] Eat regular meals; your body makes heat from food.

SPACE HEATERS

- [ ] Keep it 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- [ ] Plug it straight into a wall outlet: no extension cord or power strip.
- [ ] Flat, solid surface. Tip-over shut-off.
- [ ] Turn it off and unplug it when you leave the room or go to bed.

NEVER

- [ ] Never heat the home with a gas oven or stovetop.
- [ ] Never run a generator or grill indoors or in a garage. Generators go outside, 20 feet from windows and doors.
- [ ] Never refuel a heater or generator while it is running.

ALARMS AND NEXT STEPS

- [ ] Test your CO alarms. Keep one on every level and outside sleeping areas.
- [ ] Write down what the furnace did and any lights or codes.
- [ ] Call a licensed HVAC technician for gas, burner, ignition or venting problems.

> General home-safety information, not HVAC, gas or electrical advice. Hire a licensed HVAC professional for anything involving gas, burners, venting or wiring, and follow your furnace's own manual.

Free 'Why is my furnace not working?' checker: furnacefixplan.com/why-is-my-furnace-not-working/ · CPSC, NFPA, Ready.gov, ENERGY STAR sources on the site

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