

**Around the house:**

- Ensure your household ventilation is unobstructed.
- Gas appliances should never be modified and should only be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Modern gas appliances incorporate many safety features. To make sure these safety features work properly, installation and servicing of gas appliances must be carried out by a licenced gasfitter.
- Do not idle a vehicle in an enclosed garage, even with the door open.

**Ovens, cooktops and rangehoods:**

- Give your entire stove and grill a thorough wipe down with warm, soapy water to remove food particles and dust.
- Inspect the flame – it should burn blue. If it burns yellow, it means full combustion isn't taking place, and it's something you should get assessed by a licensed technician as soon as possible.
- Clean your oven and filters regularly (yes, more regularly than you do now).

**Gas heaters:**

- In the warmer months, gas heaters tend to sit neglected and build up dust. Refer to your owner's manual for specific guidance, but be sure to give your gas heater a good clean before turning it on for the first time each year.
- Include the filters, too – and remove any obstructions, lint or dust.
- Check that all the leads are tight, and free from leaks or corrosion.
- If you suspect a leak or smell gas, turn the heater off immediately and call in a licensed gasfitter.
- Outdoor patio heaters should only be used outside with adequate ventilation.
- Avoid using any gas heater unless it displays labels that indicate that it meets current emissions standards.

**BBQs:**

- Give your BBQ a thorough clean before and after each use to remove accumulated food, dirt and grease.
- Protect your BBQ from the elements by throwing on a cover for protection between uses.
- Never store a gas cylinder indoors. Store your LPG cylinders upright and outdoors, in a well-ventilated area.

**Hot water systems:**

- Gas hot water systems are generally quite reliable but to avoid expensive emergency repairs, it pays to give your system a quick check over once or twice a year.
- Take a look at your system's thermostat – if the temperature's set too high, you could needlessly be wasting energy.
- If you don't already have one, install a temperature control valve – that way you can limit the bathroom water temperature to 49°C when in use, and 60°C when idle.
- Over time, rust and corrosion-causing sediments can build up in your hot water tank. To remove these sediments, drain a few litres of water from your tank into a bucket via your system's drain valve.
- Check the burner – the flame should be blue. If it's yellow, or you notice excess soot, contact a licensed technician for immediate servicing.

If you suspect a gas leak, call ATCO Gas Australia immediately on **13 13 52**.