## Health: Carbon Monoxide

### **TEST RESULTS**

What We Found: Carbon Monoxide levels were below 5 ppm.

## No Action Necessary

# Why is no action necessary?

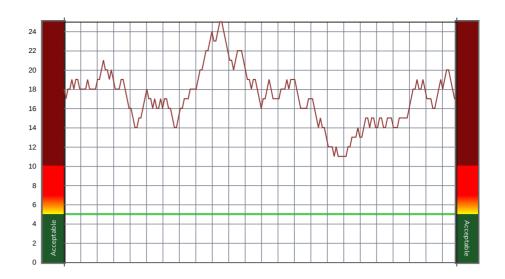
Carbon monoxide levels are a cause for concern when average levels are above 5 ppm (8-hour average). When levels (8-hour average) are above 20 ppm, immediate action should be considered.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by combustion. When people are exposed to relatively low levels (for an 8 hour period or more), it can cause headaches and nausea. At relatively high levels it can cause memory problems and ultimately death.

Source: US Environmental Protection Agency; World Health Organization (WHO); Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA).

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### **ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE**

Elevated carbon monoxide levels in the home are a cause for concern. They can occur due to source causes, home heating & cooling system issues, or both.

Sources: Fireplaces, cooking, combustion appliances (water heater, gas dryer, stove), vehicles running in attached garage.

Possible heating & cooling system issues: Cracked heat exchanger on furnace, leaking chimney or vent, inadequate exhausting of a combustion appliance (water heater, gas dryer, stove).

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None -- no action necessary. For more information on indoor air quality, see:

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