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Fall Is Officially Here

Traditionally, this is the time of the year that residents prepare their units for the upcoming winter temperatures and precipitation. It's a good time to replace your furnace filter, clean the drains on your deck, and make sure your windows and doors seal tightly.



Northwest Natural Gas Company will help you accomplish another task. They will inspect your gas fireplace for free, once a year. You can schedule this inspection online at <https://www.nwnatural.com>. You can also call NWNNG 877-243-5855 to find a certified technician to clean your gas fireplace. If you have not done this in the past few years, it's worth having this done. One sign that your gas fireplace needs cleaning is soot on the outside vent.

It's also a good time to replace the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The latter has an expiration date, it is tiny and usually located on the back of the device. One resident reported that her carbon monoxide device had expired in 2014,

years before she and her husband had purchased their unit.

Fallen Lady at the Quintet

There's a rule at the Quintet that objects should not be placed on the half walls of our balconies. Earlier this summer, we had a report of a fallen tomato plant in search of more sunlight that was blown off a first-floor balcony. This week, we have the case of a fallen lady. She tumbled off a third-floor balcony onto an extended first-floor balcony. According to Maria, the owner reported that it sounded like a bomb had hit her unit. Although it's tempting to place plants and other decorations on these half-walls, it is against the rules and potentially life-threatening.



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