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What is CO?

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas produced as a byproduct of combustion. Examples of CO-producing devices include:



Gas Appliances

- Furnace
- Stove
- Dryer
- Water heater

Charcoal grills, fireplaces and wood stoves

Lawnmowers, snow blowers and other yard equipment

Automobiles



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