

# Member Heads Up



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<b>Heads Up</b>	<b>New Building Code STANDATA for GAS FIRED APPLIANCES USED FOR HEATING BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>
<b>Details</b>	<p>The following STANDATA (corrected), providing guidance on when a furnace can be activated for finishing heat, has been released by Municipal Affairs. It is an updated version to the one released October 27, 2017. The new version has minor wording changes to the activation form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">G-01-17 GAS FIRED APPLIANCES USED FOR HEATING BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, October 2017</a></li></ul>
<b>More information</b>	<p>As of May 1, 2017, the manufacturers of gas heating appliances supplied in Canada, known as residential style furnaces, changed their certified installation instructions to restrict these furnaces from being used to heat buildings that are under construction or being renovated.</p> <p>Buildings would be considered under construction/renovation where dusty conditions exist such as those created from installing drywall or textured finishes.</p> <p>This STANDATA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides information on when a furnace may be activated for heat during construction and how it may be used in a renovation situation.</li><li>• Includes an example of an activation form, to be filled out by the builder and the activating contractor, to ensure an unapproved furnace is not used for heat during construction.</li><li>• Includes an example of a pre-occupancy furnace maintenance schedule. As part of the requirement for activating a furnace, a MERV 11 filter must be used to protect the furnace between activation and occupancy.</li></ul> <p>Additional notes related to the activation form can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>