

Care of your Natural Gas meter

Your gas meter measures the amount of natural gas you use. It's also the point where natural gas enters your home or building. To ensure your meter's accuracy, accessibility, and safety during the winter, please follow these suggestions:

- Keep your meter free from SNOW and ICE buildup and from blocking regulator or relief valve vents and associated piping. Where possible, use a broom instead of a shovel to clear the snow and ice. NEVER kick or hit your gas meter or piping to remove built-up ice.
- Keep snow and ice from exhaust and combustion air vents for gas appliances to:
 - Prevent accumulation of carbon monoxide in the building and
 - Prevent operational problems for the combustion equipment.
- When shoveling snow or using a snow blower, don't pile snow against or on your meter or pipes.
- Don't attach anything to your meter (or gas piping) - clotheslines, dogs on leashes, skipping ropes, etc.
- Be sure your meter is visible and accessible for maintenance and emergency crews - don't enclose it in any building or deck.
- Don't store or lean anything against your meter or piping.
- When digging around your meter, dig by hand. Keep the area clear of plants and landscaping. Keep in mind that if you damage any of this equipment, you may be responsible for the cost of repairs.
- Know where your gas meter's shut off valve is (normally located at your meter) and how to turn your meter off in case of an emergency. Please call us to have your meter turned back on.

If there is a gas odor present, leave your residence immediately and contact the City of Ellensburg Gas Division

Tel: 962-7124 or call 911



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