

## Important Winter Safety Message

Valued Customer!

Energy West would like to remind you to protect your gas meter set from snow and iced damage during the winter months, especially with the Montana winter we have all experienced this year.

Snow and ice accumulations can cause the regulator and meter to malfunction and result in a hazardous situation. A buried regulator may become clogged, affecting the supply of gas to the appliances. When melting occurs and the snow becomes wet and heavy, it can put pressure on the meter. This pressure can cause strain on the associated piping. In extreme cases, the possibility exists that the piping could break.

Below are some quick “dos” and “don’ts” to remember during the winter months.....

- **Do...**
  - Do gently brush away and clear snow and ice away from your meter
  - Do check where snow or ice collects on your roof, clear them off to make sure nothing falls on your gas equipment
  - Do call Energy West from a safe location if you smell gas or hear/see a leak
  - Do check appliance venting to make sure gas appliances can vent properly
  - Do install one or more carbon monoxide detectors in your home
  - Do regularly perform checks on meter sets and gas appliance venting
  
- **Don’t**
  - Don’t let your gas appliance vents get clogged, this can cause carbon monoxide to build up in your home
  - Don’t attempt to remove snow or ice by kicking or hitting equipment
  - Don’t remove snow/ice off your roof and onto gas meter and piping
  - Don’t allow icicles to build up above your meter set
  - Don’t fully enclose the meter or hamper our ability to service the equipment

Natural gas is a safe, clean, reliable energy source, please remember to keep your meter set clear of snow and ice so your service does not need to be interrupted during these cold winter months!

If you have questions please call your local office.

Thanks!

Your Energy West Team

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### CLEARING SNOW OFF YOUR METER

