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SUBJECT: City asks for the public's help in keeping gas meters and appliance vents clear of ice and snow

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[Duluth, MN] Due to an increase in snow and ice-related issues this winter involving the City of Duluth gas metering equipment, the City is asking the public to make sure gas meters, furnace, boiler, and dryer vents are clear of snow and ice. This preventative action will avoid unscheduled gas outages or unintended gas releases and keep gas appliances functioning correctly.

When clearing snow or ice from gas meters, it is best to use hand tools and never strike or hammer on the equipment or use an open flame or another ignition source. Due to the potential of snow covering gas appliance exhausts, the public is asked to monitor exhaust venting and keep it clear of snow and ice. It is strongly recommended that all dwellings have a carbon monoxide detector in a location it can be heard while sleeping. Batteries of existing carbon monoxide detectors should be checked annually to make sure they are functioning correctly. If you smell gas or suspect CO, contact the City of Duluth Comfort Systems 218-730-4100 or 911.

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