

The transition from hot summer nights to cozy fall days is here, and Atmos Energy remains focused on year-round preparations for the winter heating season. From gas supply to delivery of natural gas service at the meter, our team is preparing for winter. We also have tips to help you stay safe and conserve energy so you can be ready, too.

## Stay Safe.

Please follow these steps to stay safe during winter weather:

- Never use an oven or a gas stovetop to heat your home.
- Protect natural gas meters. Natural gas meters are weather-proof; however, to ensure that the meter keeps working smoothly, remove snow and ice from natural gas meters with a broom or brush. Never kick or chip snow and ice away with a hard object.
- Safely remove snow from vents for dryers and other natural gas equipment. Blocked vents for dryers and other gas appliances can lead to a dangerous buildup of carbon monoxide gas. For additional information about carbon monoxide safety, please visit our website.
- Minimize the risk of frozen pipes. Leave faucets running at a trickle, leave cabinet doors open, and close all doors and windows to keep heat inside.

## Use Energy Wisely.

Cold weather may impact the amount of natural gas you use. To save energy and money, please consider these energy-saving tips, where safe to do so:

- Lower your thermostat to 68 degrees during the day and 58 degrees when you are away from home.
- Reduce your shower and bath time. Showering and bathing can account for 40 percent of your home's hot water use.
- Lower your water heater temperature to 120 degrees. Water heating accounts for as much as 25 percent of the energy consumed in your home.
- Do not use a pool heater. Instead, run your pool pump during the coldest part of the day to circulate the water and prevent freezing.
- Operate your clothes washer, dryer, and dishwasher only when fully loaded.
- Unless a fire is burning, close your fireplace damper to prevent warm air from escaping up the chimney.

## Sign up for Text Alerts.

Sign up for Text Alerts so we can send you a text message about important information related to your natural gas service. You can opt-in for these messages under Notification Preferences in the online Account Center.