

GAS METER SAFETY

The gas meter on the outside of your building, is designed to withstand the harsh Canadian weather. However, heavy or hard-packed snow and ice on the meter or on external fuel burning equipment exhaust vents can present safety hazards.

Keeping the meter and equipment exhaust vents free of ice and snow will ensure that the meter and natural gas fired equipment function safely.

Six Nations Natural Gas technologists must be allowed easy access to the meter in case there is an emergency situation and to be able to read the meter.

Here are a few guidelines:

- During the winter months, keep the meter free of snow and ice. Ice buildups from water leaking from an eaves trough, can damage the fittings and pipes causing leaks. A gas meter that is covered in snow can also impede the function of controlling the gas pressure which can lead to serious risks.
- Use a broom or brush to remove snow.
NEVER scrape the meter with a sharp instrument or bump it with a snow blower. If you have difficulty removing snow and ice from your meter, call Six Nations Natural Gas at 519-445-4213.
- Do not tie your pets to the gas meter or gas piping. This can lead to a pipe or fitting break. Your pets should not be blocking or impeding access to the gas meter.
- Do not hang things from, or lean things against the gas meter or gas piping.
- Free access to meters have to be maintained at all times. Do not build permeant structures such as decks, porches or sheds around the meter.