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

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[DULUTH, MN] Due to an increase in snow- and ice-related issues this winter, the City of Duluth's Public Works and Utilities Department is asking the public to make sure gas meters, furnace, boiler, and dryer vents are clear of snow and ice. This preventative action will help residents and property owners avoid unscheduled gas outages or unintended gas releases and keep gas appliances functioning properly.

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 an indoor location where it can be heard while sleeping. Batteries of existing carbon monoxide detectors should be checked at least annually to make sure they're functioning properly. If you smell gas or suspect carbon monoxide in your property, please contact the City of Duluth/Comfort Systems at (218) 730-4100 or call 911.

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Gas meter snow cleared