



Some Snow Safety Tips

- Chimneys and vents for gas appliances must be cleared following a major snow or ice storm to enable proper venting and prevent any carbon monoxide accumulation.
- Ensure you check you indoor and outdoor dryer vents to ensure they are clear of obstruction.
- Make sure that snow does not block exhaust from a sidewall vent. Sidewall vents are common in recent heating and water heating systems, especially with high-efficiency models (which all Snead/Merion clients have).
- **REMEMBER:** Vents act as breathing devices for your systems—they take-in fresh air, mix it with fuel to produce heat and discharge exhaust fumes that contain harmful carbon monoxide. If a vent becomes blocked with snow or vegetation, it could shut down heating equipment or draw exhaust fumes containing carbon monoxide back into the home.
- Accumulation of ice or snow can interfere with the proper operation of your Gas Metering System. The meter assembly may contain a regulator (See Photo Below) that is designed to safely release pressurized gas in the event of a malfunction. Blocking the regulator vent could create an unsafe condition where gas is not able to escape from internal piping.
- Snow and ice can damage gas meters and piping. Be careful when removing snow from around the gas meter; any damage to the gas meter could potentially create a possible leak hazard.
- Use a broom to keep the gas meter set, including the pressure regulator and vent piping, clear of snow and ice during the winter season.
- In the event you smell a gas odor inside, please call **1-844-WASHGAS**, and we recommend you get out of the house.
- In the event you smell a gas odor outside, please call **1-844-WASHGAS**

Keeping the meter and vents free of ice and snow and other potential obstructions will help prevent possible carbon monoxide poisoning.

Remember: **NEVER run generators in the home**, garage or other enclosed spaces as carbon monoxide can rise to dangerous, if not fatal levels. If your CO alarm sounds, immediately evacuate to a safe location and call 9-1-1.



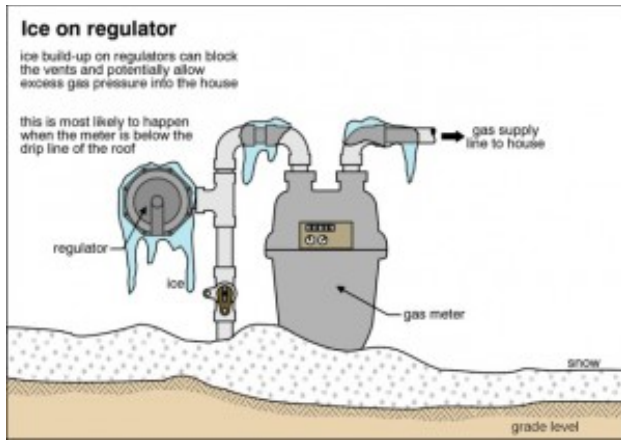
EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR VENTS & INTAKES LOOK LIKE:



Arrow 1: Vent & Intake Arrow 2: Snow on Gas Meter Arrow 3: Example of Snow/Ice buildup on regulator



^^GENERATOR TIPS: Clear the Vents, Move Snow away from the generator



^^PHOTO JUST TO SHOW YOU AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT A REGULATOR LOOKS LIKE