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**COLDER TEMPERATURES ARE COMING TO NEW MEXICO LATER THIS WEEK**  
TO SAVE ON HEATING BILLS, CUSTOMERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSERVE

**ALBUQUERQUE** – There is a round of winter weather with cold temperatures expected later this week that could affect the supply and cost of natural gas, and New Mexico Gas Company is encouraging customers to take steps to lower their natural gas consumption during this storm.

Lowering your thermostat 3 to 4 degrees – health permitting – can help you save up to 10 percent on your monthly heating bill. NMGC maintains a list of conservation tips on our website at [https://www.nmgco.com/en/gas\\_price](https://www.nmgco.com/en/gas_price).

“The current forecast is calling for significantly colder than normal temperatures from Wednesday through Saturday of this week,” NMGC President Ryan Shell said. “We are closely monitoring weather conditions and natural gas supply chains around the clock to make sure our customers will stay warm. Be assured that our employees will be on 24/7 standby and ready to respond to any issues that may come up.”

There are several things customers can do to manage their natural gas bills. By managing how much energy you use, you can keep your bills lower during cold weather.

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower, health permitting.
- Set the water heater thermostat at 120°F or lower.
- Open blinds and windows to warm and light your home naturally during daylight hours. Close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Reverse your fan in winter to produce a gentle updraft, forcing warm air near the ceiling down into the living space.
- Take shorter showers.
- Use our free [Home Energy Analyzer](#) for recommendations that could help you save hundreds of dollars through energy efficiency measures.
- Weatherize your home to save energy and money and to improve the comfort of your home. Home weatherization includes sealing air leaks and adding insulation.

- Clean or replace filters on your furnaces more often -- even once a month -- or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Clean warm-air registers, vents, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed. Make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.

There are safety considerations that customers should know, as well. Fuel-burning appliances, such as gas furnaces, stoves, ovens and water heaters can increase the risk of carbon monoxide leaks when they are not working properly. Never use products inside the home that generate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, such as generators, barbecues, propane heaters or charcoal. Electric heating devices, such as space heaters, can also be a safety hazard when used improperly. Inappropriate use has been known to cause fires. Please follow the manufacturer's guidance on these devices.

Customers who believe there is a problem with any natural gas appliance inside their home or business should call New Mexico Gas Company at 1-888-664-2726. If you smell gas – a rotten egg odor – or if your carbon monoxide alarm issues an alert, get everyone outside immediately and call 911, then call us at 1-888-664-2726.

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### **About New Mexico Gas Company**

As the largest natural gas distribution utility in the state, New Mexico Gas Company provides service to more than 540,000 homes and businesses and about 1.3 million people throughout New Mexico. The Company has more than 700 employees in 26 offices, who are responsible for safely and reliably operating 12,300 miles of pipelines across the state. New Mexico Gas is a subsidiary of Emera Inc. Visit our website at [www.nmgco.com](http://www.nmgco.com).

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