

Utility Newsletter

November 2006



Winter Gas Safety Tips

A Winter Safety Reminder: The winter season is in full swing and we would like to remind you and your guests to keep Gas Winter Safety in mind. Snow and Ice build-up can keep your gas meter set from working properly, so remember to keep your meter free of both.

Why is it so important to keep your meter clear? - Accumulated snow places stress on your meter piping - damage to the piping can cause a gas leak. Blocked vents in your Gas Meter Set may result in abnormal pressure, affect appliance operation, and interrupt service. A cover such as a single full sheet of plywood placed at a 45° angle over the meter set can deflect snow and ice while still allowing access to the meter. This simple precaution may prevent a hazardous situation.

If necessary, Sun Peaks Utilities will clear meters of ice, snow or other materials. The Gas Tariff's Terms and Conditions allow the charge for this work to be added to your monthly Utility bill. The charge for the first time this work is required during a one-year period is \$50 and each additional time is \$100. If you are not sure on how to safely clear your meter, please contact us at 250-578-5490 or 250-319-0638 and we would be pleased to advise you at no charge. Remember that gas is a safe commodity if treated properly.

Fridge Magnets that can be left in your unit with contact information are available free of charge at the Utilities' Burfield Offices.

If you do detect a gas odor (similar to rotten eggs), please call our emergency number at 250-319-0629. If you are not able reach Utilities' technician, PLEASE DIAL 911.

RATE CHANGE APPLICATION FOR GAS UTILITY

Sun Peaks Utilities' Gas Division has been subject to increasing gas operational costs. Sun Peaks Utilities applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "BCUC") and was granted an Interim Increase effective November 1, 2006. This change will appear on your next billing (December Invoices). For more information on the Sun Peaks Utilities' application, visit the BC Utilities Commission site at www.bcuc.com.

GEOHERMAL ENERGY INFORMATION MEETING

December 2, 2006 – 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Burfield Lodge, Sun Peaks, BC

The continuing rise in energy costs and concern over the effects of greenhouse gases on the environment has caused Sun Peaks Utilities and some of our customers to explore geothermal energy options at Sun Peaks. We would like to engage all interested Sun Peaks residents in a discussion on this green energy source and other heating and cooling options.

Prior to doing more work on the possibilities of geothermal at Sun Peaks, we want to hear from the community and our customers to find out what they think. If you are interested in learning more on this subject and would like to attend an information meeting between 4 and 6 pm on Saturday, December 2nd, 2006, please register on our web site at www.sunpeaksutilities.com or contact the office at 250-579-5490. (Further updates on this subject will be made available on the Utility's web site at www.sunpeaksutilities.com and in future newsletters.)

For more information on these subjects or any other utility matter, please contact the Utility's office at utilities@sunpeaksresort.com or 250-578-5490.

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