

Xcel Energy: Reminds customers to clear natural gas meters of snow

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (March 16, 2026)-With the recent heavy snow in many areas of Wisconsin and Michigan, Xcel Energy reminds customers to check their natural gas meter to make sure it is clear from snow and ice.

Clearing snow and ice from natural gas meters is key to avoiding the potential for dangerous natural gas buildup indoors due to vents becoming sealed when covered in ice and snow. Xcel Energy strongly recommends keeping the entire meter assembly clear by gently removing snow or ice from the meter, associated piping and the roofline above the meter.

When temperatures begin to warm up later this week, check often to ensure melting snow isn't dripping on the meter from the roof or nearby trees. Use a shovel around a meter to move snow away; do not use a snowblower near a meter.