Winter 2023

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Energy news for our gas customers in Massachusetts



#### Here to help in the new year.

Events of the past few years continue to remind us of the importance of connection — with you, our customer, and the communities we serve, and the need to provide timely information to help you stay safe and manage your energy bill. With that in mind, we're pleased to start the new year with a new look for this quarterly newsletter, and to introduce you to **weconnect+**, its digital counterpart, offering expanded energy news, energy-saving ideas and more. You'll find it by scanning the QR code below.

Whether you own or rent your home or run a business, we're doing everything we can to help you with the challenge of managing higher global energy costs. We recently committed \$17 million to local community partners who will provide assistance to our customers in need across our service areas. And through our **Winter Customer Savings Initiative** we'll continue to offer ways to manage your bill, save energy and find assistance during the colder days ahead. Please visit **ngrid.com/heretohelp** for details.

## Explore our new

## weconnect+

digital newsletter — packed with customer news and information, energy efficiency tips, videos and more! Scan the QR code to check it out.



## We're here to help keep you safe.

# Gas Emergency:

#### 911 or 1-800-233-5325

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



► Smell gas? Act fast.

#### **More Gas Safety Tips:**

- ► Keep meters clear. Falling ice and heavy snow from a roof can damage meters or service connections, resulting in a gas leak.
- Never hang items from gas pipes. Doing so can weaken pipes and cause a hazard.
- Have your dryer's gas line and connection inspected by a professional annually to ensure it is operating safely.

# Customer Service: **1-800-233-5325**



- Deaf, hard of hearing and speechimpaired customers looking for assistance can call 711 on a compatible TTY device. Provide our customer service number to connect with us.
- Call us to designate a relative, trusted friend or an agency to receive copies of notices should your account become overdue.

# Find assistance when you need it

You may qualify for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) to help you pay your primary heating source bill. Check with your local fuel assistance agency about a HEAP grant for winter. To learn more, call the Massachusetts HEAP hotline at 1-800-632-8175 or visit masscap.org/

You may be eligible for a discount rate on your monthly energy bills if you receive a qualifying benefit based on your household income and household size. Visit ngrid.com/discount

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The Good Neighbor Energy Fund may be able to help customers with energy bills who do not qualify for other assistance programs. Visit magoodneighbor.org or call 1-800-334-3047 (area codes 508, 617, 781 and 978) | 1-800-262-1320 (area code 413)

## Prevent cold stress

Older people, infants and people with chronic illness can be vulnerable to cold stress, even indoors.

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## Energy-savings spotlight

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## Seasonal savings tip

High-efficiency boilers and furnaces can save up to 30% on heating costs, and the newest gas water heaters can save up to 50% more energy than traditional, non-energy efficient models.

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To save energy – and prevent burns – set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees F.

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## Paying online

- Register for an online profile to pay from your checking or savings account.
- Pay by credit/debit card with Speedpay. Fees may apply.
- Schedule automated payments from your bank account.
- ngrid.com/payonline

## Paying in person

When paying your bill in person use an authorized payment agency to ensure your payment is made on a timely basis and your account is credited properly.

Remember to bring your bill and keep your receipt. —

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