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NEWS

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Employees manning the 811 Public Awareness trailer at ASD's Freshman Career Expo in October.

Preparation & Planning for Winter

We've shared a lot about preparing for an energy emergency, but repetition has a purpose. Like the safety instructions before every flight, these reminders are meant to make important information familiar before you need it.

Because every home and business is different, there isn't a one-size-fits-all emergency plan. Start by identifying who relies on heat or power, what relies on it, and how you could reduce the risk of injury or damage if service is disrupted.

One practical step is to identify a warm room. If possible, choose a smaller room with fewer windows and exterior walls and a door that can be closed. Keep exits clear. If closing doors could affect your heating system or leave pipes without adequate heat, check with a qualified heating contractor or property manager beforehand.

PLANNING A WARM ROOM

A warm room is a smaller space to gather, stay warm, and reduce heating and electricity usage, safely.

Choose your warm room before an outage Pick a room everyone can reach safely, with access to a bathroom and enough space for your household and pets. Keep your emergency supplies nearby.

If your heat goes out

- If your home is safe to stay in, gather in your warm room.
- Open curtains when the sun is shining in and close them at night.
- Place a rolled towel along the bottom of drafty doors, but keep doors easy to open and exits clear.
- Keep baseboard heaters and heating and air return vents clear.
- Wear loose, dry layers, warm socks and a hat. Use blankets, eat regular meals and drink water.

Protect your pipes Gathering in one room doesn't protect plumbing elsewhere. If your heat is working, keep areas with pipes or other equipment warm enough to prevent freezing.

Use heat safely Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.

Have a backup plan Choose a heated place you can go and plan how you'll get there. Pick a second location as a backup.

*For emergency preparedness tips, scan the QR code or visit **ready.alaska.gov/Preparedness/Outreach**. For ENSTAR safety information and local preparedness resources, visit **enstarnaturalgas.com/earthquake-safety/**.*

DURING AN ENERGY WATCH EVENT

Follow ENSTAR's guidance on our website and social media for the current status, including any instructions to limit additional gas heating.

Conversations with Alaska's Future Workforce

On October 2, ENSTAR participated in the Academies of Anchorage Freshman Career Expo at the Dena'ina Civic Center, bringing our public awareness trailer and a team of employees ready to share their experiences with students.

Throughout the day, Anchorage freshmen explored a variety of career paths and learned about the education, training, and skills needed for different professions.

Students who visited the ENSTAR booth discovered that while careers such as engineering, construction, plumbing, and pipefitting play essential roles in our industry, there are also opportunities in accounting, communications, regulatory affairs, customer service, billing, human resources, and many other fields that help keep our business running.







Natural Gas Safety During the Holidays

Natural gas ranges and ovens are reliable and efficient, and Alaska kitchens get a real workout during the holiday season.

A few safety habits worth keeping in mind:

- Never use your gas range or oven to heat your home. It is not designed for that purpose, it produces carbon monoxide during extended use without proper ventilation, and it creates a real fire risk in a busy kitchen.
- Keep flammable materials like dish towels, paper, packaging, and plastic bags away from burners, especially when multiple people are cooking at once.
- If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the burner immediately and ventilate the area by opening windows and doors. If the smell does not clear quickly or you cannot identify the source, leave the area and call 1-844-SMELL GAS (1-844-763-5542).
- Make sure your CO detector is working before the holiday cooking season is in full swing. Test your detectors regularly and follow the manufacturer's instructions for batteries and replacement.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.

For gas emergencies call 1-844-SMELL GAS (1-844-763-5542).

Careers @ ENSTAR

Providing safe and reliable gas service to Alaskans requires a diverse workforce. From Construction to Customer Service, ENSTAR has a job for just about any interest or skill set.

Scan the QR code with your mobile device to view our open positions.



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