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## **DEMHS Issues Winter Storm Safety Tips for Gas & Propane Lines, Heating Oil Deliveries**

*Residents, Businesses Urged to Clear and Mark Locations of  
Propane Tanks, Gas Meters and Lines, Oil Delivery Points*

The numerous, severe winter storms that have battered Connecticut – including the double-barreled storm arriving Tuesday and Wednesday – pose particular challenges and risks for homeowners and businesses that rely on natural gas, propane and heating oil, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) cautioned today.

The National Weather Service has stated that a deep snowpack remains across much of the tri-state area, and Connecticut has some of the deepest snow in the region. The current, two-day storm is expected to bring as much as a foot of additional snow to the northern portion of the state.

“With this much snow on the ground it’s extremely difficult for oil trucks to make deliveries, even to homes where they are familiar with the location of fill pipes,” said DEMHS Commissioner Peter J. Boynton. “In addition, there is a significant risk that snow plows – especially plows working on driveways – may clip gas meters, gas lines or propane tanks that are not clearly marked.

“Governor Malloy has asked our Department to encourage everyone to take some important, common-sense steps to protect themselves,” Commissioner Boynton said. “Winter weather will be with us for several weeks to come, so Connecticut residents are urged to bear these cautions in mind.”

### **For gas meters and gas lines:**

- Mark the meter clearly with a stake or flag
- Keep the meter area and a path to the meter free of snow and debris
- Do not use a plow, snow blower or shovel near the meter
- Snow can be removed from the meter with a broom
- Do not attempt to remove ice from the meter
- Mark gas lines with stakes or flags



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**For propane tanks and lines:**

- Mark the tank area clearly with a stake or flags
- Keep the tank area and a path to the tank free of snow and debris
- Use a broom to clear snow and ice from the tank, regulator, regulator vents, piping and valves
- Mark gas lines with stakes or flags

**For heating oil deliveries:**

- Mark the fill pipe clearly with a stake or flag
- Ensure the fill pipe is clear of snow and ice and accessible from the street
- Make sure that the exhaust system for the oil burner is clear of snow and ice