

Organizations throughout the Railbelt are making plans to deal with a potential natural gas shortfall this winter. While it's not considered likely, all agree that it is important to be prepared. Nobody wants to be caught unprepared on a cold, dark winter evening. That's why all six electric utilities in the Railbelt, ENSTAR, and local governments have been working together on a collective approach to the situation.

YOU CAN HELP IN A NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY. HERE'S HOW.

If a gas delivery problem develops, emergency managers might issue an alert using this Energy Watch chart.

Energy Disruption Customer Action Plan						
CONDITION	MEANING	CUSTOMER ACTION				
Green	Stable	Use energy wisely; be conservation minded Your utilities can provide tips on saving energy				
Yellow	Caution	Set thermostat to 65 degrees in living areas, and 40 in the garage Lower water heater setting to "warm" or "vacation" Minimize usage of natural gas range Postpone doing laundry and dishes Turn off unnecessary lights and electronics				
Red	Alert	Set thermostat at 60 degrees in living areas (55 if away) Turn water heater gas valve to "pilot" Do not use natural gas fireplaces, decorative heaters or gas grills Consolidate household activities into as few rooms as possible Use the microwave for cooking				

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.