

Happy New Year

CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless and tasteless toxic gas and in an enclosed space, such as a home or garage, even a small amount can cause serious illness or death. Carbon monoxide is produced through the incomplete combustion of propane, gasoline, natural gas, wood or heating oils.

PREVENTION

To ensure your appliances are operating efficiently, check the following items:

Yellow Flames – check the flame colour on all your natural gas appliances regularly. It should be blue – a yellow burner flame can be a sign of carbon monoxide.

Blocked Vents or Chimneys – blocked or restricted vents/chimneys will reduce flue performance, increasing the chances of CO or other fumes spilling into the home. Be sure to clean them regularly.

Car Exhaust - Despite having properly maintained exhaust systems, it is still possible that CO could get into your vehicle. Also, if you are idling in cold weather with poor ventilation the heating system can draw CO into the vehicle.

Furnaces - Remember to check and replace your furnace filter at least every three months. To be sure that your furnace exhaust system is working properly, it should also be inspected routinely by a licensed professional.



1 Blocked vents or chimney*

2 Fireplace

3 Portable fuel heater

4 Stove

5 Improperly installed cook top vent*

6 Stored BBQ

7 Car

8 Furnace

9 Water Heater

10 Dryer

*These are not sources of carbon monoxide but are critical to CO safety.

IN CASE OF A LEAK

Ensure all people and pets leave the home immediately

Call 911 or your local fire department

If anyone in the house feels ill, get immediate medical attention. Symptoms may include flu like symptoms without the fever, impaired motor functions, chest pain, tiredness or dizziness, and nausea.

Source: <https://www.ega.ca>

2026 RATE NOTICE

As part of preparing the 2026 budget, Meota's Finance Committee and the Board needed to consider recent discoveries in our gas distribution system.

The simple fact is that more, as the staff works to find and fix leaks and other issues, than in the past, certain practices were followed that we now either question or need to change in order to comply with every-changing rules, codes and standards under the Rural Utilities Act.

We also compared Meota's rate structure with other gas co-ops of similar size and geography.

Accordingly, the following is a list of the important rates and fees that are changing.

- Delivery Charge: \$2.25 / GJ
- Fixed Rate - Residential Up to 1 Million BTU: \$42.00 / month
- Fixed Rate - Residential > 1 Million BTU: \$62.70 / month
- Fixed Rate – Commercial: \$132.00 / month
- Paper Bill Fee: \$3.00 / Paper Bill issued

In addition, it was decided to implement a system improvement fee to cover the costs of the system changes and updates that we are required to do in ever increasing frequency.

- System Improvement Fee: \$10.00 / month

Bill Towsley - Chair, Meota Board of Directors

COSTS & RATES

When comparing utility rates, there is more than the price per GJ to consider. Our monthly fixed rate is substantially lower in comparison to the larger energy retailers. Your natural gas billing is also free from additional fees such as rate riders, distribution fees and municipal franchise fees.

Meota's gas costs come from Gas Alberta Inc. on a monthly basis. This flow-through nature of the cost doesn't allow for customers to lock in rates. Through Gas Alberta's gas procurement process, monthly rates are usually lower than competitive retailers' fixed price options.

Since November 2018, the average end-use consumer has saved approximately \$1,200 through Gas Alberta's rates as compared to the average of fixed rate options over the same period.

Rates Changes – Meota's elected Board of Directors regularly reviews rates to ensure our system is maintained, our compliance needs are met and that we have the appropriate staff in place. With the pressures of increasing costs, Meota's Board has approved a slight increase to the 2024 rates. Please visit our website for details.

2025 MEOTA SCHOLARSHIP

Meota's Board of Directors would like to congratulate our 2025 scholarship recipients;

Thomas Mortimer and Keegan Willoughby

We wish you much success in your studies!

If you smell gas inside or outside, or hit a gas line, contact us immediately.

DEFINITIONS

Fixed Charge – The monthly flat rate charged to recover a portion of the total operating costs.

Cost of Gas – The cost of natural gas charged to Meota Gas Co-op from its wholesaler, GasAlberta. Meota does not benefit from any increase or decrease in the rate charged per gigajoule (GJ) of natural gas. Meota operates as a not-for-profit cooperative.

Delivery Charge – This charge is generated to cover the costs of delivering natural gas to Meota's customers/members and the costs for operating the cooperative. This fee is charged on the number of GJ's consumed.

Gas Loss Charge – This is a 'shrinkage' charge that is due to the loss, consumption or unaccounted-for volume of gas within the distribution system. Shrinkage is encountered through unavoidable leakage, metering errors or unidentified theft. Minor variances occur due to the application of regulations for calculating the thermal energy of gas delivered.

Monthly Fixed Charge – This is the monthly flat rate charged to recover a portion of the total operating costs.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque – by mail or deliver to office. An after-hours mailbox is available.

On Line – Find Meota Gas Co-op as a payee. When referencing your account number, your financial institution may require more than your 4-digit account number. If so, please add zeros before or after your account number. (ie. 0004567 or 45670000)

E-Transfer – payments may be e-transferred to admin@meotagas.com. Please reference your account number in the notes. *Note: Meota Gas is set up for auto-deposit for e-transfers.

Auto Debit – Auto Debit payments are Meota's preferred method. Payments will be processed on the billing due date. If you wish to sign up for Auto Debit, kindly contact our office.

At your Bank – most financial institutions can process in-person payments.

Payment Terms - A late payment of 2% will apply on amounts outstanding after the due date. An NSF Charge will be assessed for dishonoured payments.



Alberta One Call is now called Utility Safety Partners

Any ground disturbance on your property requires locates booked through Utility Safety Partners. Landscaping, new fencing or decks, or even planting a garden is ground disturbance and can cause damage to a buried utility. Some utilities are buried only centimeters below the surface.

The results of a contact with a buried utility can be loss of an essential service for you or your neighbours, costly repairs, and most importantly serious injury or death.