

# Preparing for potential service disruption and outages during cold weather

Natural gas is one of the most reliable sources of energy and outages are rare. However, with the STL Pipeline in jeopardy, the St. Louis area faces potential natural gas service disruptions and outages this winter.

Nearly 650,000 homes and businesses depend on the STL Pipeline to fuel their daily lives. Since 2019, this safe, established, fully operational pipeline has been bringing you even more reliable and affordable natural gas.

While the STL Pipeline continues to operate today, on Dec. 13, its current certificate to operate expires.

## Here's how you can prepare:

- Only heat your home with appliances designed for **safe space heating**. Grills, ovens, space heaters and fires outside of a working fireplace can pose safety hazards
- Take steps to prevent **pipes** from freezing
- Install and test your **smoke alarm** and **carbon monoxide detectors** to make sure they're working properly and have extra batteries on hand
- Keep **back-up generators** a safe distance from your home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning
- Use UL-certified **surge protectors** to keep from overloading your electrical wiring
- Ensure you have plenty of **emergency supplies** like blankets, warm clothing and non-perishable food that can be microwaved if it needs to be heated
- **Seal areas** around your home where air can leak in—around windows, chimneys, fireplaces, unfinished spaces behind cupboards, etc.
- Ensure the **fireplace, flue and chimney** in your home are in working order before using

Information adapted from the U.S. Fire Association

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