



# December 2024 Newsletter

All of us from G.L.D.C. Gas would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New year

## Did You Know?



Have you ever noticed the flames on your gas stove turning orange?

The most common contributing factor is elevated humidity in the air, which creates these irregular orange flames on natural gas appliances. High humidity is created by running humidifiers or essential oil diffusers in the household. The gas to your home is not "bad" gas. Our process monitors the system and our service men perform regular routine maintenance to ensure high quality gas.

Orange flame can also be caused by 1) Excess Fuel: Too much fuel entering the gas stove due to wear and tear or damage to the burner orifice can lead to incomplete combustion.

2) Insufficient Air: Blockages or configuration issues with the air shutter may prevent adequate air supply to the burner, disrupting the fuel-to-air ratio.

*To ensure the safe operation and longevity of gas appliances & furnaces, we recommend to:*

1. Perform regular maintenance
2. Have appliances & furnaces routinely checked & cleaned by a professional.

## Local Mechanical Companies

Kansas Ridge Mechanical  
403-843-0000  
Rimbey Heating Ltd.  
403-843-3997  
Aspenworks Mechanical  
403-350-5901

## Christmas Hours

Our office will be **CLOSED** for business on December 25 & 26, 2024 and January 1, 2025

We will be **OPEN** half days for business on December 24, 27, 30, 31, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will resume regular hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025

**In case of an emergency, please contact our 24-hour emergency number (403) 843-1050. Merry Christmas**

We look forward to serving you in 2025

## Community Involvement & Sponsorships

This year, the Utility Operators will be donating a portion of their on-call earnings of \$1000 to the local food bank. GLDC Gas Co-op in turn will match this donation, bringing the combined total to \$2000.

New in 2025 will be the **Alberta Women's Curling Championship**, hosted in Rimbey on January 21 - 26, 2025. This event has a long standing history in Alberta and will pull a lot of spectators to the community. **G.L.D.C. Gas Co-op Ltd., along with the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.**, combined proceeds to contribute to this spectacular event.

We look forward to supporting the community in 2025.

## Winter Preparedness

### Before Freezing Weather

Seal/Caulk windows, doors, electrical outlets.  
Insulate Wall Cavities.  
Insulate pipes exposed to cold temperatures.  
Properly & Regularly maintain heating equipment.  
Change furnace filters on a regular basis.

Keep portable electric heaters available as temporary solution to heating issues.

### During Freezing Weather:

Allow water to trickle slowly from faucets.  
Do not set thermostats lower than 13°C(55°F) in domestic areas.

Open cabinet doors and run fans to circulate warmer air.

## Fire Extinguisher Training

Admin Staff "Taking the Heat" and learning fundamentals of fire extinguisher usage through training provided by the Ponoka Fire Department. Many adults might not know how or when to use fire extinguishers. It's important to understand that with proper training and education, fire extinguishers can save lives and property.

Check with local Fire Departments for available training.





# 2024 Construction Season



2024 was another busy year for construction. The construction crew installed over 35 km of pipe including loop replacement and leak repair. In order to keep up with the volume demand, G.L.D.C. Gas is continuously working on replacing ¾”, 1” and 1-1/2” diameter pipe with 2” pipe or larger, to serve our members more effectively. We continuously see an influx of people moving into the franchise area, creating a higher demand for natural gas to heat homes and outbuildings. In order to keep up with this supply and demand, we have to grow and upgrade our current systems. *We would like to thank local landowners for granting access to their property to address these issues until we have a fully upgraded system. Your patience is appreciated.*

In 2024, we installed 30 new infills (new home construction) requiring natural gas to fuel their homes including local residences switching over from propane to natural gas.

- In 2024, we completed over 1635 locates and 200 meter recalls.

