

Snow removal near natural gas connections

When removing snow, please take the following **preventive steps**:

1. **Locate** the natural gas connection (including the pressure regulator and meter), and the air supply and exhaust vents.
2. **Never push snow** onto a natural gas connection and avoid any snow accumulation around it, or in front of the air supply and exhaust vents.
3. **Keep a safe distance** between your equipment (shovel, snow blower, etc.) and the natural gas connection.
4. **Temporarily protect the connection** if you have to use mechanical equipment nearby. For example, you could put a piece of plywood or other rigid material around the installation.
5. **Use a broom or a brush** and not a metal shovel to remove snow from the connection.
6. Should you notice an accumulation of ice around the connection as a result, for example, of snowmelt from the roof, advise the owner and recommend that he or she **contact Gaz Métro** so the ice can be removed safely.

If an accident occurs, and if you smell natural gas:

1. **Immediately turn off the motor** on your equipment and any other possible source of ignition.
2. **Quickly leave** the site of the accident or leak.
3. **Call 911** to report the event.

If a situation seems risky to you, or for more information about preventive measures related to natural gas, call Gaz Métro at 514-598-3222 or 1 800 361-4568. If needed, a technician will go to the site to evaluate the situation and take all the necessary safety precautions.

Gaz Métro is counting on your cooperation and vigilance to ensure your safety and security, that of your work environment of the public at large. Thank you.

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