

## **Enbridge Gas Distribution - Residential Construction Heat Program**

As part of our commitment to safety and to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements, Enbridge Gas Distribution (Enbridge) is implementing a change to our Residential Construction Heat Program. Effective January 1, 2016, Enbridge will no longer permit Third Party Activations for construction heat. The construction heat “affidavit program” will be discontinued and replaced by Enbridge performed activations for construction heat; that complies with company policy and the guidelines of Ontario Regulation 212/01 - Gaseous Fuels.

Builders will be required to contact Enbridge to have Enbridge or its authorized contractor activate an Enbridge meter for construction heat purposes. As part of Enbridge’s new process builders will be required to pay an inspection charge of \$70.00 plus HST to activate natural gas for construction heat. This fee will include a site visit to assess your installation to determine whether it meets the criteria set forth in the Enbridge guidelines for construction heat.

### **Residential Construction Heat Program - Frequently Asked Questions**

**As a builder/contractor how do I ensure my site is ready to be activated for construction heat?**

- In order to ensure that your site is ready for construction heat activation please refer to our [Residential Construction Heat – Site Preparation](#) bulletin or by contacting your [local channel consultant](#).

**What type of appliances can be used for residential construction heat? And who can connect these appliances to the meter set?**

- Ontario Regulation permits “Construction Heaters” and “Furnaces approved for construction heat”. These appliances must meet all applicable code requirements and are only be used for construction purposes in unoccupied dwellings. Under the Fuel Industry Certificates regulation (Regulation 215/01), the holder of a Record of Training (ROT) (i.e. CH-01, CH-02) is permitted to connect/disconnect, install, and operate a construction heater. A certified gas technician who holds a G2 (or higher) may also perform these functions, and with the addition of installing and operating an approved furnace used for construction heat.

**As a builder who utilizes construction heat, am I required to have a ROT holder install and operate a construction heater? Will I be required to provide this?**

- Yes. The Ontario Gas Code requires that anyone other than a certified gas technician complete training to install, activate, or operate a gas fired construction heater. A “Record of Training (ROT)” must be carried by the person(s) performing any of the above functions, as listed in regulation 215/01 – Fuels Industry Certificates. Enbridge will be collecting this information during construction heat activation.

**Can my ROT holder connect and install the construction heater to an Enbridge natural gas meter?**

- Yes, however only Enbridge or its authorized contractor is permitted to initially activate the meter. The construction heater should be installed in accordance with all local codes and regulations and be ready for initial activation by the Enbridge representative.

**Is a licensed ROT or certificate holder required on site for the initial activation of the construction heater and meter?**

- No. However the ROT or licensed certificate holder is required for continuous operation of the construction heater. After successful inspection and activation of the construction heater, Enbridge will leave the construction heater off for the holder of an ROT or G2 (or higher) certificate holder to operate.

**Does Enbridge collect the fuels certificate information on meter activations for construction heat? How can this information be provided?**

- Yes. Enbridge will be requesting the “Fuel Industry Certificate” information on all activations for construction heat. For construction heaters this can be attached directly to the connection point of the meter, and for furnaces used for construction heat this will be represented as the pressure test tag connected to the gas piping.

**How do I request gas for the purpose of construction heat? Is there a cost involved in activating a new service for construction heat?**

- You can request the appointment by completing the online meter activation for construction heat appointment form or by faxing the form to 1-800-494-6411. For residential construction heat please provide 72 hours (3 business days) notification. There will be a charge of \$70 to activate natural gas for construction heat. This fee includes a site visit to assess your installation to determine whether it meets the criteria set forth in the Enbridge guidelines for construction heat.

**What if I no longer want to utilize gas for construction heat? Will there be a cost involved to deactivate the service?**

- If gas is no longer required for construction heat, a licensed certificate holder may turn the meter off, reinstall the tailpiece and cap, and contact builder services to arrange for inspections prior to occupancy. If you would like Enbridge to deactivate your meter without initial installation inspections, please contact builder services to have this arranged; standard charges will apply.

**Can I disconnect my construction heater from one site, and move it to another that is already activated for construction heat?**

- Swapping of construction heaters among sites is permitted, provided each site has been individually activated for construction heat in accordance with the construction heat guidelines. Only Enbridge may initially activate a new service for construction heat; for safety it's not permitted to feed separate premises off a single activated meter.

**Do I still require Enbridge to complete a safety inspection of all equipment installed prior to occupancy? Will there be a cost involved with final inspection?**

- Yes. A safety inspection of all natural gas equipment and piping is required upon construction completion and prior to final occupancy as per Regulation 212/01 – Gaseous fuels. Enbridge provides one inspection per premise prior to occupancy free of charge.

**What happens if my meter is found activated, and Enbridge did not perform the initial activation?**

- All non-compliant meter activations will be reported to Enbridge's Customer Safety and Compliance department.

**How long can my site be connected to gas for construction heat purposes prior to final activation?**

- Gas may be supplied for construction heat purposes as long as the building remains unoccupied and under construction. Model homes, sales offices, and inventory homes are not considered under construction.

**What if my construction heater or furnace cannot be activated or is not installed to code?**

- If during an initial activation for construction heat the construction heater or furnace will not activate or is not installed in accordance with all local codes and regulations, the meter will not be activated. Enbridge or its authorized contractor will notify the site office. A new appointment for construction heat activation will need to be scheduled. A charge of \$70.00 plus HST to activate natural gas for construction heat will apply.

At Enbridge we take pride in the safe and reliable distribution of energy. This ongoing commitment to our customers ensures that a safe, reliable, and cost effective approach is taken to deliver the fuel used to heat our homes, businesses, and to power industry.

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