

## Daily Update on Service Restoration

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Today, our crews are re-introducing natural gas to the section of our system that serves Sampson Avenue in Seaside Heights to J Street in Seaside Park, including Pelican Island.

If all goes well, we will complete the re-introduction of natural gas to the last section of the Seaside peninsula tomorrow, from  $1^{st}$  Street to  $24^{th}$  Avenue in Seaside Park. Once we re-introduce natural gas to this section, our traffic impacts on the peninsula will be completed.

A total of 1,945 homes on the peninsula now have natural gas to their meters. Today, we are rebuilding the meters in Normandy Beach and Lavallette, and have so far completed 1,063 in this section. We estimate that the meters in each section will be rebuilt by the following dates:

Downer Avenue in Mantoloking to Dune Avenue in Brick	completed
Oceanview Avenue to Jeanette Drive in Brick	completed
9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue in Normandy Beach to Joseph Street in Lavallette	December 14
Rutherford Lane to Trenton Avenue in Lavallette	December 16
1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue in Ortley Beach to Hiering Avenue in Seaside Heights	December 17
Sampson Avenue in Seaside Heights to J Street in Seaside Park	December 19
(including Pelican Island)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Street to 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue in Seaside Park	December 22
All meters larger than residential, and multi-meter sets	December 30

Updates on our schedule and progress will be available every day at <u>www.njng.com</u>.

Once your meter work has been completed, you should see <u>a tag on your meter</u>, which indicates that your home or business has natural gas to its meter. As soon as you see the tag, and your home or business has electricity and is habitable and occupied, then you may have your own <u>qualified technician</u> determine that your natural gas system and equipment are safe for use, and turn on your natural gas service.

In Manasquan, Sea Bright, Long Beach Island, and the Ocean County mainland, all customers whose homes and businesses can safely accept service now have natural gas to their meters.

We continue to repair and replace services, as needed, throughout the rest of our territory.

Federal, New Jersey and local safety codes prohibit tampering with natural gas meters and service lines. Even if natural gas service has not yet been restored to your area, this could significantly hamper efforts to restore service.

If you smell an odor of natural gas, leave the building immediately. Do not light matches, touch electrical switches or appliances, or use your telephone. From a safe location, customers should notify us of all gas leaks immediately at 1-800-GAS-LEAK.

With natural gas now restored to many affected areas and property clean-up underway, please remember that at least three business days prior to outdoor construction or digging, contractors and property owners – whoever is excavating – must call New Jersey One Call at 811 or 800-272-1000 and take the following steps:

- Wait for the site to be marked with paint, flags or stakes. Yellow indicates the presence of underground natural gas lines.
- Respect the marks and dig with care.
- Hand dig only (no mechanized equipment) within two feet of buried piping and facilities.
- Be mindful that inclement weather may wash away the painted markings.

For additional information, visit our Hurricane Sandy Resource Center at <u>www.njng.com</u>.

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