



Daily Update on Service Restoration

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New Jersey Natural Gas today provided the following updates of our service restoration for the storm-damaged portions of our system:

Today, our crews, contractors and mutual aid responders are re-introducing natural gas to the fifth section of the peninsula, from 1st Avenue in Ortley Beach to Hirling Avenue in Seaside Heights. Meters in this section will be rebuilt as soon as the system is re-pressurized, and we estimate they will be completed by December 18.

Yesterday, we successfully re-introduced natural gas to the fourth section, from Rutherford Lane to Trenton Avenue in Lavallette. We estimate meters in this section will be rebuilt by December 14. Natural gas also has been re-introduced to the section from 9th Avenue in Normandy Beach to Joseph Street in Lavallette, which should have meters rebuilt by tomorrow.

For the homes that can safely receive service, meters have been re-built in the sections from Downer Avenue in Mantoloking to Dune Avenue in Brick, and from Ocean View Avenue to Jeanette Drive in Brick.

Once your meter work has been completed, you should see [a tag on your meter](#), 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 [qualified technician](#) determine that your natural gas system and equipment are safe for use, and turn on your natural gas service.

We are re-pressurizing one section of the peninsula at a time, working our way south during the course of this week. Traffic will be blocked in each section as we re-pressurize our system, but not during meter re-builds. We estimate that all sections of the Seaside peninsula will be re-pressurized and have meters rebuilt before December 31. Updates on our schedule and progress will be available every day at www.njng.com.

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 www.njng.com.

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