



Gilchrist Owners Association

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Winter Newsletter 2024

Dear Owners:

Gilchrist winters are often an unforgiving season that brings harsh weather that we must prepare for - snowfall and its removal. Until recently our mild winter weather emboldened people to ignore the streetside parking signs and continued to park on the commons in front of their properties. Winter is here, that time has passed, and this ongoing issue needs to stop. Remove them, or they will be towed. **This is also you're warning that the snow could be pushed further towards your yards. Snow removal equipment needs the room to move snow off the roads, move your vehicles off the common roadsides.** It's not up to the snow removal crew to tell you to move your vehicles, you are responsible to move them off the commons during the designated months (Nov-April).

In addition, any snow removal from your driveway or property etc., must stay on your own property. We are fortunate that most of the berms are removed by the snow removal equipment. They get as much as possible. Driveway angles often make that difficult.

This spring we will be working with Klamath County arranging free dump days again this spring and fall. Notices will be posted at the Gilchrist Post Office, local Facebook pages, Klamath County webpage and through the Walker Range email group. After the snow melts, we encourage you to do a walk around your property to notice what might need to be done this upcoming year. That would be a great time to eliminate your yard debris plus you can haul it to the Crescent and Chemult landfills for free. You might be surprised what you have already done that is very nice.

Remember any property improvements or changes being planned require a review and signatures obtained through the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Tree removals also require a separate form filled out and submitted for review and signatures obtained **before** commencement of work to remove the tree(s). Both forms are easily obtained from the left column of the GOA website homepage <http://www.gilchristhoa.com> as individual downloads. There are still some dead trees within the townsite that homeowners need to remove. Dead trees will not come back. Landowners are responsible for maintaining their trees. If you need contacts for contractors who fall hazard or urban trees you can contact Walker Range at 541-433-2451 to get a copy of their contractor booklet.

Lastly, please be patient. Gilchrist is not the only area that the snow removal crew covers. Gilchrist will get done. If the snow is falling continuously, they will wait for it to stop or slow before starting. Remember, snow removal is difficult, time consuming and inconvenient for all. If we all work together and cooperate the inconvenience of snow removal can be minimized as best as possible.

Thank you,
GOA Board of Directors

[Property owners who rent their property must ensure that tenants are aware of and comply with CCR's and By-Laws of the Association. Property owners are held accountable for their renters.](#)



Cascade Natural Gas: Snow and Ice Safety Message

DID YOU KNOW SNOW AND ICE CAN DAMAGE GAS METERS?

Accumulations of snow and ice can cause the regulator and meter to malfunction and result in a hazardous situation. A buried regulator may become clogged, affecting the supply of gas to the appliances. When melting occurs and the snow becomes wet and heavy, it can put pressure on the meter. This pressure can cause strain on the associated piping. In extreme cases, the possibility exists that the piping could break.

- Meters are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions but remember to protect them from ice and snow buildup during the harsh winter months.
- When removing heavy accumulations of snow or ice, do not strike meters with snow blowers, blades, or shovels.
- Do not kick your meter to break or clear ice.
- Protect your meters by removing overhead icicles and snow from eaves and gutters to ensure they do not cause damage as they fall. Also, dripping water can splash and freeze on the meter or vent pipes, which could affect proper operation.
- **SAFETY COUNTS** – When you dig out your gas meter, please watch for these warning signs.
 - **SIGHT** – a dense fog, mist, or white cloud
 - **SMELL** – a distinctive gaseous odor
 - **SOUND** – hissing, whistling or roaring noise.

If you believe damage has occurred around the meter or you have no heat or smell gas, call Cascade Natural Gas Co. immediately.

All Emergencies – 24-Hour Response – [888-522-1130](tel:888-522-1130)

Midstate Electric Cooperative:

MONDAY – THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM | OFFICE: [541-536-2126](tel:541-536-2126) | OUTAGE NUMBER: [800-752-5935](tel:800-752-5935)

STAYING SAFE DURING AN OUTAGE

We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it!

The length of time it takes to restore your power depends on several factors, including the:

- Extent of the storm's destruction
- Severity of utility equipment damage
- Number and extent of outages
- Accessibility to damaged equipment

STAY SAFE UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

- Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines, which could be live and deadly.
- If you come across a downed line, immediately call 9-1-1 to report it.
- Never enter a flooded room; the water could be energized.
- If you are standing in water, do not turn on/off power or flip a switch.

Prepare for a storm by gathering these items:

Bottles of water	Extra batteries
Non-perishable food	Pet supplies
Portable phone charger	Blankets
Prescriptions	Warm clothing
Battery-operated radio	First-aid kit
Flashlights	Hand sanitizer

THANK YOU for your patience during outages. When the lights go off, we are working safely and efficiently to restore power. The safety of our employees, as well as those we serve, is our TOP priority.

SafeElectricity.org

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Crescent Sanitary District: Power Outage Precaution

During power outages we ask you to limit your sewer system usage. Our Sewage System transfers Gilchrist Sewage by electrical pumps to the Crescent Treatment Plant.

It's a concern with overflow during power outages.