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# Statewide gas outage updates

### Latest on the crisis from around New Mexico

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- unoccupied and no one was hurt. Please use caution when protecting your home or business during this outage. We will have another public meeting at 2 pm at the conference center.
  - **Santa Fe Water Division phone line open for reporting emergencies-** Customers are advised that they can report frozen pipes or other utility-related emergencies only at the Public Utilities Customer Service line at (505) 955-4333. A small crew is answering calls, dispatching crews, and updating work orders. Crews are dispatched to work with residents to determine the location of frozen areas inside water pipes. Depending on the location, the resident is referred to a plumber or city crews work to thaw and restore the service to the property. Customers are encouraged to call on Monday, Feb. 7 should they have questions about their utility bill.
  - **Espanola animal shelter evacuates 96 cats and dogs since there's no heat** - The front desk received a call from the City of Espanola to inform them that gas was out in the entire area and water was soon to follow. Immediately the shelter staff sprang into action to evacuate all of the cats and dogs in the adoption kennels. Within four hours, 96 animals had found a safe place to stay in foster care for 48 hours with members of the community from as far away as White Rock, El Dorado and Dixon. The shelter is currently empty except for animals on quarantine, and those are all being housed in the part of the building heated by electric, rather than gas. At 8pm Thursday, staff received news that they would be receiving 14 cats on Friday morning from someone who was unable to care for them, due to family issues unrelated to the cold and strays continued to arrive throughout the day. "Our problem of sheltering our pets from the cold has been solved," says Lisa Gipe, Shelter Manager, "But our biggest challenge is yet to come. We have animals coming in, but we don't have a chance to get the current animals out into permanent situations, so this weekend, we are going to need adoptions. Not just want them, but need them, or else there simply won't be a place for all these animals to come back to once the heat is back up and running." Espanola Humane is optimistic that the water will be up and running on Saturday and with donated electric and propane heaters, the shelter will at least be warmer for the animals than being outdoors, so, all weekend, adoption fees will be cut in half to encourage people to come forth and offer permanent homes to nearly 100 cats and dogs who will be returning to the facility on Saturday morning.
  - **Roswell city offices close at noon due to energy shortage** - The City of Roswell will be closing the offices of non-essential services at noon today in accordance with the request of Governor Susana Martinez, in an effort to decrease the strain on energy supplies due to the interruptions in natural gas and power services caused by record low temperatures throughout the state. The City closures today will not affect non-essential City services scheduled tomorrow, February 5th such as the Roswell Public Library, Yucca Recreation Center, Roswell Adult and Senior Center, the Roswell Convention and Civic Center and the Roswell Visitors Bureau. In addition, essential and emergency service personnel will continue provide services as scheduled including the Roswell Landfill and Sanitation personnel, City Fire and Police personnel, Water, Streets and Public Works personnel and Central Control. In a press release issued by Governor Martinez on the evening of Feb. 3, the governor is also requesting that all New Mexicans do their part to preserve natural gas resources by turning down thermostats and assisting friends, family and neighbors who are without heat
  - **Trash and recycling in Santa Fe are still picking up trash** - Trash and recycling collection crews are continuing to pick up in Santa Fe, but are running behind schedule. Residential trash not collected today, will be collected on Saturday. Residents are asked to leave containers on the curbside through Saturday at 3 p.m. Due to the State of Emergency Closure, Solid Waste Division and other main city telephones will not be answered until Monday.
  - **American Red Cross in New Mexico** - Alamogordo has a city-run shelter with cots, blankets and food. A college dorm in Socorro has been evacuated. Socorro is opening a warming shelter for residents. There is a shelter at the Espanola Armory for Espanola residents. In Rio Rancho, they have supported Sandoval County. Currently, there are only four people at the National Guard Armory. There are three shelters open in Taos (one at Living Word Ministries and one at the Taos Dispatch Center). There are many other shelters around the state that are on standby because there are no people there.
  - **Natural gas outage update from Taos NM** - (575) 751-8123 is staffed at the emergency command center for this situation. Call if you need help. Red River had 42 individuals sheltered

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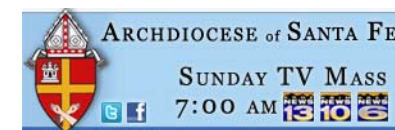
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February 04, 2011, 8:52AM

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February 03, 2011, 10:16PM

Psssst. Hey, New Mexico. Windmills won't turn without wind. And solar panels won't create any electricity, whenever the sun doesn't shine.

Shouldn't somebody tell that to the -Green- politicians and to all the well paid bureaucrats too?

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rraabfaber says:  
February 03, 2011, 6:44PM

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