

Propane Safety During Snow

Over 20 feet of snow in February has created great ski conditions but also great potential for damage to propane meters and piping. District staff has observed that many propane meters are currently not visible or buried under snowbanks that are up to 20 feet high. It is the customer's responsibility to remove snow from around propane meters and meter enclosures to ensure that snow and ice buildup does not damage equipment and cause leaks. It is also important to note that decks and roofs can collapse under the weight of snow. If your propane meter is located under a deck or roof, such a collapse could cause damage to equipment and a propane leak.

Propane leaks can be very dangerous, in some cases leading to fire or explosion that can completely destroy a home. Regular snow removal is essential to ensure that District and Fire Department staff can reach your propane meter and gas shut-off valve in the case of an emergency.

Finally, snow banks can build up and block intake or exhaust vents for propane appliances, even if the vents are located on the second floor or at roof level. If a vent is blocked, carbon monoxide from the exhaust may build up in your home, eventually causing dangerous or potentially even deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Blocked vents can also cause other issues such as appliance malfunction.

Please take the time to clear the snow from your propane meter or propane enclosure, decks or roofs above your propane equipment and appliance vents immediately. This is essential, even if your home is not occupied, to ensure the continued safe use of propane at your home. The District maintains a list of property managers and snow shovellers that can assist if needed. Please contact the District office at 209-258-4444.



New Snow Removal Priority System

The District is testing out a new priority route system for snow removal that will allow operators to clear driveways of occupied residences before unoccupied residences during snow events. Every morning, a Priority List is generated and distributed to the snow removal operators at the beginning of their shift. In order to be included in the Priority List the next time you or your guests plan to be in residence at your Kirkwood home, follow these instructions:

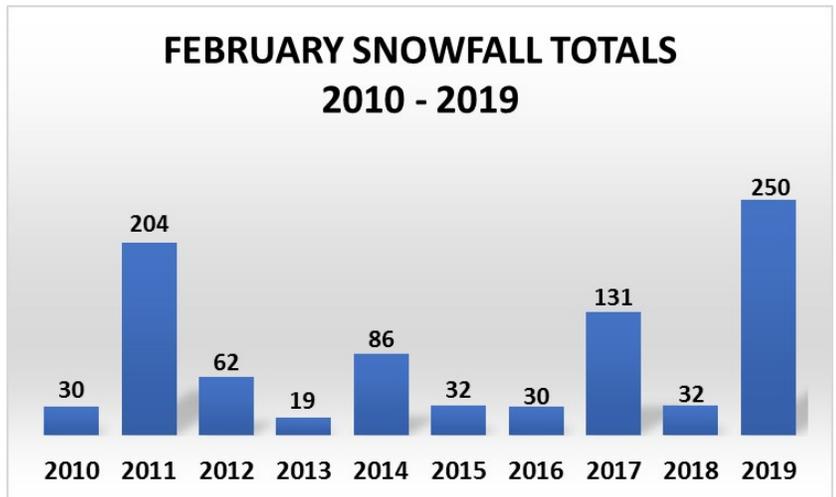
- Log in to your account on www.kmpud.com.
- Click My Account on the right side of screen.
- At the bottom of the menu that appears click Manage Snow Removal.
- Under Arrival/Departure Time Notification set your arrival and departure dates (at least 24 hours in advance) in the drop-down menus and enter notes if needed.
- Click Set Notification.



In order to maximize District efficiency, the Priority List will be automatically generated and distributed through the website, so all notifications must be entered at www.kmpud.com. Thank you to customers that are currently using the new notification system on www.kmpud.com, we welcome any comments. If you have questions on how to log a notification or need help registering your account, please contact the District office at 209-258-4444.

Winter Update

The month of February 2019 has been a record-breaking month for the District, having measured 250 inches of snowfall. A staff member at the Central Sierra Snow Lab, a UC Berkeley research station located at Donner Pass, said "I don't think anyone will dispute you if you said that this February will be a record-breaking month." All the new snow has made for great skiing and snowboarding but has strained District staff in all departments, especially Snow Removal. Several large storms have impacted Kirkwood this February, with one of the biggest at the beginning of February leaving 92 inches of snow in its wake over four days. Needless to say, these large storms which have occurred with little to no break between them and are an extreme challenge for snow removal operators who have been working in white-out blizzard conditions for long hours, seemingly non-stop. Thank you to our customers for your patience and compliments during this record-breaking month! The graph above compares snowfall amounts for the month of February going back to 2010.



Save the Date - Saturday, July 6th!

The 2019 Kirkwood Summer Festival will take place on Saturday, July 6th from 3-6 PM in the Village Plaza. We hope that you will make plans to be in Kirkwood and support the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department's annual fundraiser. Rain or shine, this is Kirkwood's most anticipated summer event, featuring wine and beer tasting, great food, live music, a kid's area, and a silent auction. Consider donating a special item for the silent auction such as a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant or a unique item from your travels. If you would like to donate an item, email Cheryl Stern at cheryl.stern49@gmail.com or contact Jessica Gillies at jgillies@kmpud.com or (209) 258-4444. Please also consider volunteering your time and talents to help make the 2019 Kirkwood Summer Festival a success. There are many opportunities to volunteer, including help in promoting the event and sourcing items for the silent auction or volunteering a couple hours of your time the day of the festival. If you are interested in volunteering email Jessica Gillies at jgillies@kmpud.com or call the District office at (209) 258-4444. If you would like to help kick-off the fundraising effort with a monetary donation to the Fire Department go to www.kmpud.com and click on the tab under Donate on the right-hand side of the screen. We look forward to seeing you all this summer at the 2019 Kirkwood Summer Festival!

Stake Your Vehicle

When parking in Kirkwood during the winter months please be mindful of snow removal operations and stake the four corners of your vehicle to be more easily visible to snow removal operators.



- * If you MUST park on the street during a storm, stake the four corners of your vehicle with orange snow stakes. Stakes are for sale at the District main office; these will be easiest for the operator to see in the dark in a blizzard.
- * When you park on a paved parking pad, be sure to pull in so that your entire vehicle is past the snow stake line. This is an imaginary line passing between the snow stakes that District staff has placed on the sides of your street to guide the snow removal operators. Stake the four corners of your vehicle with orange snow stakes during a storm.
- * Please dig your vehicle out and move it within 24-hours after a storm so that operators can clear your driveway and the parking pads.

If you have questions, call the District main office at (209) 258-4444.

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