

For Immediate Release
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Town of Bernalillo - Emergency Notice: COMMUNITY-WIDE INTERRUPTION IN NATURAL GAS SERVICE

The Town of Bernalillo has been informed that the New Mexico Gas Company has discontinued natural gas service to the town of Bernalillo for an undetermined amount of time. Electric and water utilities have not been affected.

In response to this situation, the Town of Bernalillo is cooperating with Sandoval County to provide an Emergency Operations Center to coordinate public safety efforts and temporary emergency shelter. Immediate shelter is available at the Rotary Park Community Center (370 Rotary Park Road). Additionally, the National Guard and the American Red Cross have set up an overnight shelter at the Guard Armory located at 4001 Northwest Loop NE, North of Rio Rancho off of US HWY 550 and Northwest Loop.

Town of Bernalillo Public Service officers continue to do wellness checks and the Sandoval County Senior Program is checking in on all their clients within the community. Any citizen who may require transportation assistance should call the Emergency Operations Center at 505-404-5810. The Emergency Operations Center will be manned around the clock until this situation is resolved.

Mayor Jack Torres is asking all constituents to call people they know, especially those that may be alone, elderly, or ill to ensure their safety. "We are encouraging people to stay in their homes if they have an alternative source of heat", says Mayor Torres. "Please use safe alternative sources of heat to keep warm, such as electric heaters, wood or pellet stoves, and electric blankets", added the Mayor.

People are cautioned **NOT** to use unvented heaters, grills, propane or kerosene heaters or camp stoves inside their homes or enclosed spaces, as these can result in carbon monoxide poisoning. People are also asked to keep faucets running to prevent frozen pipes.

People are also encouraged to watch the news and follow information posted on the New Mexico Gas Company website at https://www.nmgco.com/Emergency_Updates.aspx. Updates are also posted on the Town website: <https://www.townofbernalillo.org>.