



## The City of Fort Morgan Encourages Winterizing Your Home for Energy Savings

As colder temperatures arrive this fall, the City of Fort Morgan encourages natural gas customers to winterize their homes to be as energy efficient as possible to save money on their natural gas usage.

Natural gas commodity prices have remained down this year similar to last year mainly due to the lack of a disruption in supply, a slow economy and a high volume of natural gas in storage. While lower commodity prices are good news for customers, winterizing your home can help you save even more on your natural gas bill.

The City of Fort Morgan encourages homeowners to be proactive by implementing some low cost measures now to reduce natural gas usage during the colder months. Below are some helpful tips to winterize your home and lower your natural gas bill:

- Inspect windows and doors for drafts and apply or replace caulk to insulate and repair cracks in walls and around doors and windows;
- Set your thermostat to the lowest comfortable temperature and dress in layers. Lower it a few degrees before leaving the house or going to bed. If possible, use a programmable thermostat to automatically control your home's temperature;
- Seal leaks in furnace air ducts;
- Change or clean air filters monthly;
- Keep window blinds, shades and draperies open during the day to allow sunlight to warm your home. Close them at night for added insulation;
- Set ceiling fans to run clockwise, drawing air up and keeping warm air circulating;
- Lower your natural gas water heater to 115 or 120 degrees;

Energy Outreach Colorado may be available to help customers that are struggling paying their heating bill. To inquire where to apply for Energy Outreach Colorado funding, call 866-432-8435. As your local public utility, the City of Fort Morgan strives to provide the best customer service possible while providing clean, efficient and reliable natural gas in the most economical way possible.