



## Gas Service - Is It On?

If there is a yellow tag from the gas company at the shut off valve on the meter saying so, than the gas is on!

However, a relatively new policy by the gas company is to turn the gas on at the street valve and up to the meter.

At the meter the valve is left in the “off” position and the meter is capped with a small plate inserted at the inlet line of the meter. The meter is tagged at the shut off valve saying gas is on to this point, only a qualified contractor should turn gas on at the valve.

What this means is that the gas company only provided gas service to the meter, not into the house. It is then the homeowners responsibility to have a plumber or heating contractor loosen the meter, remove the plate, and pressure test the interior gas lines. This then alleviates the gas companies responsibility if there is a gas leak inside the home.

This was designed as a safety feature, however, is causing disruption in the selling process and during home inspections. If the gas was just turned on - you will need a qualified contractor to open the valve, pressure test the lines, and light your gas appliances – your home inspector is not equipped to perform this service.



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