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## CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines in Bloomington

Dear Property Owner,

At CenterPoint Energy, we are committed to providing relevant information to our customers and the general public to minimize inconvenience or disruption due to our construction activities.

### ***What will CenterPoint Energy do?***

From April 26 into summer 2021, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors will work in Bloomington along the following streets:

- 82nd Street W. between Xerxes and Sheridan Avenues S.
- Vincent, Upton, Thomas, Sheridan, and Russell Avenues S. between 82nd and 84th Streets W.
- Queen Avenue S. between 82nd Street W. and Penn Avenue S.
- Washburn Avenue S. at 84th Street W.

While Michels Corporation will replace the natural gas main, connect the natural gas service lines to the new main, and move any inside residential meters outside, Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work.

For most of the project's duration, two-way traffic will be maintained. Parking will be restricted on both sides of the road where active construction is happening. For a limited time, the crews will close Queen Avenue just north of Penn Avenue without blocking residential driveways. Detour signs will lead drivers to 82<sup>nd</sup> Street W. and Penn Avenue.

### ***What is CenterPoint Energy's COVID-19 policy?***

According to the Governor of Minnesota's order, gas main replacement is an essential work function. This allows for the modernization of related gas facilities. The gas main work requires excavations in various locations in the right-of-way (front yard) to facilitate the installation work.

As social distancing practices and proper use of PPE, face masks and gloves have become normalized and as customers are willing to allow properly protected personnel into their homes to complete required work to modernize gas facilities, which is essential work, CenterPoint Energy authorized contractors will enter customer homes to complete work only with customer permission.

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that with customer permission, crews will now enter homes to complete necessary gas meter work. If you choose not to allow crews to enter your home, gas service will not be interrupted, and we will reschedule for a time better suited to concerns you may have. Crews will continue to replace service lines. Crews may have to dig in the ground on your property in the utility easement and next to your home to complete the task of service line replacement.

**How can I contact CenterPoint Energy?** For more information or to sign up for updates, please visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction](https://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction), click on “Project Sites” and “Bloomington.” Look for future communications via mailings or a door tag left by the CenterPoint Energy inspector. We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade our natural gas system, ensuring system reliability for years.

