Natural Gas Outage
Campus Residents Resources

As of Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023

As Avista Utilities works to restore the natural gas supply to homes, businesses, and schools in our community and region, LC State is taking steps to provide additional support to its campus residents.

- Dining Services will continue to operate. Students who purchased meal plans and the rest of the campus community will continue to enjoy a varied, but modified, menu.

- Clearwater Hall operates with an electric heating system. Students living in the other residence halls are encouraged to dress more warmly and have been invited to take advantage of supervised sleeping porch arrangements in the lounge areas of their respective residence halls. The sleeping porch areas will be heated with approved space heaters. Space heaters in individual rooms are not permitted due to the risk of overloading the electrical circuits.

- Students living in other campus housing will be provided with space heaters for use in general living areas. The guidelines for using these space heaters safely and appropriately are as follows:
  - Must have tip-over protection
  - 1500 watts max (from campus electrician)
  - No more than one per outlet and circuit
  - Keep 3 feet away from combustibles
  - Cannot be plugged into power strips, GFI outlets, or used with extension cords. They must be plugged directly into an outlet
  - Do not leave turned on in spaces that cannot be monitored

- Cold showers in the residence halls are functional. LC State is securing a portable, warm shower facility and it should be available by Friday (November 10) evening. Details will be available tomorrow.

- Residence Life staff, including Resident Directors and Resident Assistants, are on hand to answer additional questions.

- Current estimates from Avista Utilities indicate that the repairs to the natural gas pipeline could be completed by late in the afternoon today (Nov. 9) and that natural gas available to LC State, businesses, and homes could be restored by next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. We will provide updates as we receive them.