

WASHINGTON GAS CUSTOMERS

- When adding a gas appliance to your home, your contractor may request for Washington Gas to install a split meter. When splitting a meter, Washington Gas will install a new meter (or reinstall the old meter) and two regulators to provide 2 pounds per square inch gage (PSIG) pressure to the new appliances and 7 inches of water column pressure to the existing appliances.

When & Why Contractors Use a Split Meter

- It can be cheaper and easier to run new gas pipe from the meter than teeing off the existing house piping system.
- The existing low pressure house piping system is inadequately sized for handling the additional load of a new gas appliance.
- The new gas appliance may require a higher gas pressure than can be delivered by an existing gas line, thus making the split-meter the only feasible system to install.

Newer natural gas appliances may have higher gas volume demands and pressure requirements. It's extremely important to contact us at 703-941-HEAT *before* purchasing additional appliances and equipment.

If you're already a Washington Gas customer and would like to add, replace or upgrade a natural gas appliance, please follow/have your contractor follow these steps to ensure proper installation:

1. Verify the total BTU input rating for existing appliance(s), as well as for the appliances being added and/or replaced.
2. Verify gas pressure requirements suggested by the manufacturer for the appliance(s) being added.
3. Contact Washington Gas at 703-941-HEAT (4328) to determine if both the service line capacity and gas pressure for the home are adequate.
4. Determine if a split meter would be the right application for installation.
5. You (or your contractor) complete and submit an [Added Load/Split Meter Request Form](#).

If you have questions during this process, please call 703-941-HEAT.

Once these five steps have been completed, Washington Gas will confirm whether there will be any additional costs for service (if pipe replacement is necessary), and upon approval, Washington Gas will contact you or your contractor to schedule the installation.