

"Smart" meters-used for Electric, Gas or Water Meters (Opt-out info at end)--Please share this!

"Smart" meters & their accompanying "mesh network" cause a **huge increase in radio frequency (microwave radiation) to your home & neighborhood, 24/7. This can cause health problems, including headaches, insomnia, memory loss, tumors, high blood pressure & sugar, chest pain & arrhythmia, nausea, lack of energy or concentration, dizziness, tinnitus, eye problems, electromagnetic hypersensitivity, etc.** (sagereports.com/smart-meter-rf/?page_id=196; thepeoplesinitiative.org/smart-meters/; stopsmartmeters.org/?s=health+problems; **Documentary** at: articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2017/08/05/smart-meter-dangers.aspx; ahappyhabitat.com/smartmeters.html).

Orange & Rockland Electric, Inc. & Rockland Electric began installing electric or gas "smart" meters on Rockland County, NY homes & businesses in summer 2017 & electric ones in NJ beginning May 2018. One of the proposed reasons was to eliminate the need for a monthly meter reader, since usage would be transmitted wirelessly to antennas, often mounted on existing utility poles--a "mesh network" & re-broadcast to the utility.

However, **"smart" meters allow surveillance & monitoring of activities inside your home by utilities & governments.** Rockland's privacy statement says they "may share information with third parties to permit them to send marketing communications or information about products and services." They also say **you can opt-out of this** (oru.com/en/privacy-statement). See also: northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2018/05/29/smart-meters-arrive-nj-bringing-fears-big-brother/577870002/; electricsense.com/8034/smart-meter-legal-constitutional-human-rights-violations-smart-grid/; wnd.com/2010/11/228337/). **"Smart" meters are at risk for hacking & by connecting to a national "smart grid," they're at risk for cyber-terrorism** (westonaprice.org/health-topics/environmental-toxins/smart-meters-not-so-smart/; electricsense.com/1256/smart-meters-electromagnetic-radiation-money-and-your-health/).

Power transmitters in "smart" appliances emit radiation on their own & additional radiation when sending usage amounts to a "smart" meter. Multiple appliances (including washer & dryer) **can then tremendously elevate continual radiation levels in kitchen & laundry rooms** (electricsense.com/3033/rf-radiation-from-power-transmitters-in-smart-appliances/; stopsmartmeters.org/2011/05/27/appliances-introducing-stealth-emf-into-our-homes/).

What if I don't want a "smart" meter? You can opt-out or have it removed by Rockland!

Insist on an **"Electromechanical Analog Meter with no transmitting components!" Don't accept an AMR digital meter** (one-way wireless transmission) because it could give off a **similar amount of radiation & it causes "dirty electricity" (DE) on your house wiring & outlets, as do "smart" meters** (emfanalysis.com/do-you-have-a-smart-meter/; naturalnews.com/z050001_dirty_electricity_AMR_smart_meters.html). **DE's radiation can cause the above listed health problems, too.** Filters **may** be able to help eliminate DE radiation (electricsense.com/search-results/?q=dirty+electricity; createhealthyhomes.com/dirty_electricity.php; emfanalysis.com/what-is-dirty-electricity/).

If you buy an **Analog meter** yourself-- \$49.97 (tinyurl.com/yyhpf6qn; etc.).

Also available: **Electric "Smart" Meter Guards**--\$129.95 (smartmeterguard.com; lessemf.com/smart.html).

Gas or Water "Smart" Meter Guards--\$32.95 (tinyurl.com/y3bx9gfr, etc.).

These Guards are legal, block radiation 98% to house & the utility still gets their signals (FAQ's at: smartmeterguard.com/pages/faq). **Unfortunately, these guards don't stop "dirty electricity."**

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(oru.com/en/our-energy-future/technology-innovation/smart-meters/faq). [Ed.-bolding, underlining, & font changes added]

"You can choose to not have a smart meter installed. By opting out you will miss out on all the benefits, including the ability to save money and energy by managing your energy usage."....[Ed.--"**80% of homeowners with "smart" meters reported price increases on their bills...**" (patch.com/new-jersey/ramsey-nj/dangers-smart-meters-0; c.f. electromagnetichealth.org/media-stories/.)]

If you choose not to have a smart meter you will incur the following charges:

New York customers: You will be charged a monthly meter-reading fee of \$10 for gas or electric service only or \$15 for both...

If you choose to have your smart meters taken out, you will be charged \$45 per electric meter, \$55 per gas meter or \$90 for dual-service customers.

New Jersey customers: You will be charged a monthly meter-reading fee of \$15 for electric service....

If you choose to have your smart meter taken out, you will be charged \$45 per electric meter....

If you change your mind at a later date, we will install smart meters at no cost.

If you don't want a smart meter:

Call us at 1-877-434-4100 to get more information about your options and costs associated with opting out.

After that, fill out, for our Orange & Rockland New York customers, the **Smart Meter Opt-Out form NY - English** (PDF) [oru.com/-/media/files/oru/documents/our-energy-projects/smart-meter-opt-out-app.pdf]...[Spanish PDF available.]

or, for our Rockland Electric New Jersey customers, the **Smart Meter Opt-Out form NJ** (PDF)

[oru.com/-/media/files/oru/documents/our-energy-projects/rockland-electric_smartmeter_optout.pdf?la=en]...[Spanish PDF available.]

Email completed form to Customer Assistance (oru.com/en/accounts-billing/contact-customer-assistance-form)...or **mail** to: [best to send **certified mail**] Orange & Rockland, Attn: Customer Accounting Dept., 390 West Route 59, Spring Valley, NY 10977

Have more questions? Call: 1-877-434-4100."

End of Rockland quote.

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