

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Due to the spread of the Coronavirus we have canceled our May Meetings

One of the things about being an (Old) advanced geriatric person is that I get bored easily. As I am sure all of you are also. Being asked to stay home, rather than gathering socially at restaurants and bars puts a strain on me. Especially the bar part. That aside, as I watch the news and all the CoVid-19 discussion, I can respect the caution imposed upon us as mere mortals. The ad on TV was especially pointed. Don't kill your friends, colleagues, neighbors, extended family outside your home! Stay safe, stay at home!

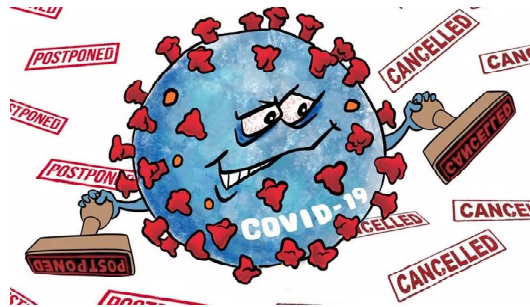
So, until there is some definitive evidence that the pandemic is under control, we shall suspend ORACCA group meetings and training until it is deemed safe to do so.

In the interim, I urge everyone who can to give support to the brave folks who are still working on the front lines. Health care, Police and Fire, Sanitation, City workers, everyone in the supply chain and truckers. Just to name a few.

And in that group are the trades people, like us, who keep our environment functioning. God bless them all

Keep Safe and stay strong until we meet again!

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



### ORACCA Calendar

All this being said: Here are some tentative dates for ORACCA meetings and group activities.

### ORACCA May Meeting-

CANCELLED

### BRAZING Certification

A new date and time for the March 20th test reschedule is being worked on. Emails will be sent out with new information as soon as a site is determined

### ORACCA Annual Shootout

June 13th, Saturday. 8:30AM, Canby  
Rod and Gun Club.

### ORACCA Annual Golf Tournament

a July 13, 2020, Monday, 1:00PM Tee  
off. Oregon City Golf Course.

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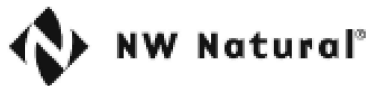
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**CANCELLED**  
May Meeting at MarHY



## **COVID-19 response -- Virtual Green Tag procedure for Oregon/Washington Residential New Construction and Residential Conversion**

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NW Natural relies on a Green Tag placed by the building inspector/official to provide a visual indication for the approval of gas piping in a residential project.

Under the new Building Codes Division Oregon Administrative Rule ("Covid-19 Response Inspection Flexibility" - OAR 918-098-4000 - March 20, 2020), the inspector/official *may* perform the inspection remotely with technology (virtual inspections using video/photos and email) and may not be on-site at the time of inspection. Clark County has allowed virtual inspections for many years and has a program (Sherlock) for remote inspections.

As a result of the expected use of remote inspections in some jurisdictions, there could be *no means to affix a Green Tag approval label at the premise.*

### **Instructions for Virtual Green Tag:**

1. NW Natural will allow use of verbal authorization from the jurisdiction building inspector/official to create a "Virtual Green Tag" for the gas line.
  2. If the inspection occurs *with the inspector/official on-site*, there will be no change in process. If the inspection is *performed remotely* (with technology), the building inspector/official emails the NW Natural Customer Acquisition department at [conversion@nwnatural.com](mailto:conversion@nwnatural.com) informing NWN that the premise gas line has been approved. The building inspector/official provides name, title, jurisdiction, permit number and gas pressure (house, 2 lb., etc.) when approval is communicated. NW Natural will provide an email template to officials.
  3. The NW Natural representative will record the Virtual Green Tag status and other information in the NW Natural customer order system (CRM/COM).
  4. When the builder, contractor, Loy Clark or other party takes the next step to complete the equipment installation or NW Natural service line installation and does not see a physical green tag, he/she will call NW Natural (503-220-2360) to determine the Virtual Green Tag status. The NW Natural representative will note the name and company of the person calling to confirm the Virtual Green Tag.
- This Virtual Green Tag process will be considered temporary until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
  - Gas Express Green Tags for certified and trained contractors in approved jurisdictions will continue as normal. To confirm or inquire about whether a contractor or jurisdiction is approved for the Gas Express program, call (503-220-2360).

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## **. TRAINING/ TESTING**

On-Demand Training /Testing. This means the tests are scheduled with both your availability and that of the the Proctor in mind. Once you feel comfortable to take the test, a date and place are set up through the ORACCA office. Call 360-824-3805 for information. These on demand trainng/testing sessions include the following:

**EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!**  
**NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump**

**Brazing Certification Test,**

Tentative make up for March test. We are working on a solution.

June 12, 2020, TBD

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