

# Do you know that a 'smart' electric meter **is coming** to your home? We need to say **NO** to them because of these eight hazards:

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- **Foliage Hazard** – Nearby plants die away.
- **Privacy Hazard** – New technologies can detect and record which appliances and devices we are using. This is trespassing. Private data is sent through the air where it could be hacked. Data storage centers use **A LOT** of electricity!
- **Fire Hazard** – Electronics in the meters can overheat and are not sufficiently grounded to protect buildings from extreme events.
- **Hidden Responsibility Hazard** – In case of a fire from the 'smart' meter, the home or business owner is blamed. **Can't Shut It Off.**
- **Billing Hazard** – With the information that the meter records, variable charges can be imposed with little or no regulatory control. Many people are complaining about hugely-inaccurate bills and no corrections.
- **Upgrade Hazard** – The meter can be upgraded with new capabilities without notice or informed consent. This is a kind of entrapment.
- **Permanency Hazard** – Once a 'smart' meter is installed, if trouble is experienced (health, billing, fire, trespass of privacy) an analog meter is usually not promptly provided even though they **ARE** available.



A burned up smart meter on a home in Reno. (Photo: Provided by the Reno Fire Department)

'smart' meter – burning, killing foliage



safe analog meter



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Dear fellow Philmont villagers and others,  
We want to alert everyone about this urgent matter! County-wide, **our safe ANALOG electricity meters** (the ones with the turning disk) are being replaced with **digital 'SMART' meters**. Already, some of the new ones have appeared on poles here in Philmont NY – they are white and have a digital screen (see on other side here). **These meters radiate 24/7. We need to keep away from them.** Taking readings of the wireless, radio-frequency radiations around our village shows that some areas are **unsafe** for walking. We should not allow these radiations to increase! Your neighbors

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METER ALERT**

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**KEEP THIS CARD FOR REFERENCE**

**We need CHOICE: Pass NY bills S6795 / A7714**

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