

Natural Gas Safety

Important Information to Keep You Safe

Recognizing Signs of a Natural Gas Leak



Rotten egg odor



Hissing sound



Dirt blowing from the ground
Unusual bubbling from a water source
(such as a pond, creek or river)



At UniSource Energy Services (UES), ensuring a safe, reliable supply of gas is our No.1 priority.

What is Natural Gas & How is it Delivered

Natural gas is a clean burning fossil fuel found beneath the Earth's surface. Because of its efficiency and ease of use, it has become the most popular energy source for home heating.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the natural gas delivery system has the best safety record of any energy delivery system. UES personnel take seriously the responsibility for safe operation and maintenance of company-owned delivery or distribution lines and gas facilities.



Be Aware of Potential Hazards and Prevention Measures

Properly handled, natural gas is a very safe, clean, efficient and economical fuel source. However, those who use natural gas need to be aware of the potential hazards posed by gas when it is used incorrectly or unsafely. Careless or unsafe use of natural gas could result in:

- Leaks causing fire or explosion
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Suffocation
- Service outages
- Inconsistent pressure (highs or lows) causing equipment and/or property damage

Because natural gas is odorless, an odor similar to rotten eggs has been added for your safety.

Safety is a shared responsibility by everyone involved. You can help by calling UES at 1-877-UES-4YOU (1-877-837-4968) or 911 if you see anything out of the ordinary regarding natural gas facilities.

Who to Call Before You Dig



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Did you know that failure to call prior to digging is the leading cause of damage to underground pipelines?

If you are planning to build or landscape around your property, you should protect the safety of yourself and others around the work site.

Call **811** at least two working days before you dig to have utility companies mark the location of underground lines.

It's a free service.

What to Do if You Suspect a Gas Leak



If a gas leak is suspected either inside or outside:

- Immediately leave the area and warn others to stay away.
- Once away from the area, call 911 and UES' 24-hour emergency number at 1-877-UES-4YOU (1-877-837-4968).



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How to Get Additional Information

For more information about natural gas pipelines operating in your area, visit the National Pipeline Mapping System's website at www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov. Other resources are available on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's website at phmsa.dot.gov.

For more safety tips, visit uesaz.com or go to commongroundalliance.com for more information on safe excavation.



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