

Natural Gas Safety: Be A Responsible Citizen

In our community, **Hardeman Fayette Utility District** provides natural gas to more than 5500 customers through a network of underground distribution lines.

Main gas lines branch into household service lines. The main lines are typically 2 – 10 inches in diameter and are located roughly 2 feet below the surface, while service lines are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12 to 18 inches below the surface.

That's why it's important to "**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**" or move earth in any way.

Whether you're installing an underground dog fence, running water to an outbuilding or post-hole digging for a new mail box post, underground piping and other utilities can be damaged.

When you call the **TENNESSEE ONE-CALL CENTER at 811**, they will locate all buried utility lines on your property, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous condition.

Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake.

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak.

With natural gas in use on your property it is important that the **CUSTOMER PIPING** be

INSPECTED: Periodically inspect for corrosion if the piping is metallic

REPAIRED: Repair if any unsafe condition is discovered.

These are the responsibility of the customer, not the gas company.

If you smell gas, or just think you might be smelling gas:

LEAVE the area immediately

CALL your local gas provider at 901-877-6236 / 1-800-335-4383 or 9-1-1 from a neighboring home or business

NEVER turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea & vomiting, rapid heartbeat, shortness of breath, seizures, chest pain, disorientation and loss of consciousness. Carbon monoxide poisoning needs to be treated right away, beginning with getting outside to fresh air and calling 911.

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