

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Washington

The purpose of this message is to inform the public that the Town of Washington has buried gas pipelines throughout the gas service area that provide safe reliable energy to its customers. The Town of Washington maintains these pipelines to a high standard and they are considered reliable. A Damage Control Program (line markers) and an Emergency Plan for responding to an emergency situation has been established and the City works closely with Fire and Emergency Response Personnel. Prior to any excavation in and around any gas facilities contact either of the numbers below.

One-Call System 1 (800) 272-3020 or 811

**Help Us Keep You Safe
How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak**

Natural gas leaks may be detected by one of the following indications on or near our pipelines right-of-way:

1. A gaseous or hydrocarbon odor. (smell of rotten eggs)
2. A blowing or hissing sound.
3. Dust blowing from a hole in the ground.
4. Continuous bubbling in one spot in wet or flooded area.
5. Dead vegetation (grass, shrubs or trees.)
6. Abnormally dry or hardened soil.
7. Fire apparently coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

CAUTION: Gas that has accumulated in a confined space is subject to **EXPLOSION.**
Please stay away from immediate area of any suspected gas leak and contact the Town of Washington Gas Maintenance Department!! Never turn on or off Switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of a gas smell

NOTE: The Town of Washington does **not** maintain buried piping between the gas meter and the house or business. The customer is responsible for maintaining and repairing this section of gas piping from leakage. These buried gas lines should be checked periodically for leakage.

If you need additional information, suspect a natural gas leak or in case of an emergency concerning a Town of Washington System gas main or service line, immediately call:

Town of Washington (337) 826-3626