



Know what's **below**.  
Call before you dig.

# IMPORTANT GAS SAFETY INFORMATION

## CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

If you don't call 811 before you dig, you may hit underground utility lines, which can result in potential injury or worse. Before you pick up a shovel, pick up the phone and call 811 to have your lines marked for free. Not only is it the safe and smart thing to do - it's the law!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Distribution pipelines could be located in your area. Here are safety basics everyone should know in the rare event of a natural gas leak.

## HOW TO CONTACT ELKTON GAS IN AN EMERGENCY



Elkton Gas Emergency  
Response is available 24/7.  
If you suspect a gas leak or  
related emergency, please call  
us at **866.281.6483** after you've  
cleared the location.



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## HOW TO RECOGNIZE A LEAK

Natural gas is under pressure when running through gas mains and distribution lines. Because natural gas is lighter than air, it rises when it escapes. Here are three signs to recognize the signs of a potential leak

### SMELL!

Natural gas is naturally odorless. A rotten egg odor is added for easy detection.

### SEE!

Look out for blowing dirt or bubbling creeks or ponds. Natural gas is lighter than air and rises.

### HEAR!

Listen for hissing sounds near a gas appliance or line.

## IF YOU SMELL GAS...

### DO NOT

- Smoke, light a match or do anything that may cause a spark, which may result in an explosion or fire.
- Try to find or stop the leak.
- Use a cell phone or telephone until securely outside the location.
- Turn on or off any electric switches.
- Ring the doorbell or open any garage doors.

### DO

- LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY. Call Elkton Gas at **866.281.6483** once you are at a safe distance (or dial 911, if needed).

## CUSTOMER OWNED PIPING

Elkton Gas is required under federal and state regulations to maintain natural gas service lines up to and including the gas meter. Beyond the meter, the maintenance of any piping (gas fuel lines) is the responsibility of the customer or property owner. Sometimes a customer's piping may be underground. If customers do not maintain their underground gas lines, the piping may corrode and leak, causing a potential safety hazard. This gas piping should be periodically inspected for leaks, and metal pipes should also be inspected for corrosion.

## PIPELINE MARKERS

Markers along mains have phone numbers in case of an emergency. They don't show exact locations/depths, so please **call 811** to locate and mark utility lines.

