



## Life Saving Messages From COMMUNITY ENERGY RESOURCES COOPERATIVE

A DIVISION OF UNION RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



**CERC is committed to providing safe, reliable energy to our members with highly-responsive service consistent with Cooperative principles.**

### THE PURPOSE AND RELIABILITY OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINES:

**Purpose:** To safely transport natural gas.

**Reliability:** Our natural gas pipelines are installed only by qualified professionals and tested for leakage before they become operational.

### HAZARD AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MEASURES:

**Awareness of Hazards:** Damage to gas piping can cause a fire or explosion.

**Prevention Measures Undertaken:** Natural gas companies are required by law to perform leakage tests on all jurisdictional main lines and service lines before activating them with natural gas. Periodic leak surveys are also required as a method to locate and/or repair a leak before it becomes hazardous.

### LEAK RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE:

**Remember the three ways to recognize a gas leak:**

- **SMELL:** To help you **SMELL** a leak from a gas line or appliance, a familiar odor like rotten eggs is often added to natural gas.
- **SEE:** Near a gas leak, you might **SEE** blowing dirt, bubbling water or an unusual area of dead vegetation.
- **HEAR:** A leaking pipeline might make a hissing sound you can **HEAR**.
- If you recognize even one of the above signs, walk away, right away.
- Don't try to stop or repair the leak yourself or use anything that might create a spark, such as a cell phone.
- Avoid using potential ignition sources, such as telephones, doorbells, electric switches or motor vehicles.
- **Contact CERC immediately 800-642-1826**
- **Call 911** Never try to extinguish a gas fire or operate any pipeline valves.
- Include the emergency telephone number for CERC on your list of important phone numbers (e.g. fire, police, physicians, etc.)

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR GAS-LEAKS IN THE HOME:

**Be prepared.** Practice safety drills for getting your family out of the house at night before an emergency occurs. Don't turn lights on or off.

**Remember:**

- Don't light matches or cigarette lighters.
- Don't use a flashlight during the drill because an electric arc might ignite the gas.
- Don't use the telephone or cell phone because an arc might ignite the gas.
- Plan what you're going to do and move slowly and carefully.
- Practice the drill in the daylight first.



### BE SAFE - CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Before you break ground at any construction site or begin a project around your home, be sure you have taken the proper measures to achieve the highest level of safety possible. A simple phone call at least two days before starting the excavation work to the **Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)** will result in a representative locating buried facilities at your construction site or at your residence. This free service can help protect you from personal injury or property damage and prevents interruption of CERC services.

**To contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Services, call 811, or 800-362-2764, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**In case of emergency call CERC 24/7  
800-642-1826 or 937-642-1826**

**Your safety is our #1 priority**

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