

## City of Louisburg Natural Gas Public Awareness

**Complete the attached survey and turn it into City Hall for a chance to win \$50 Dollars off your next Utility Bill !!**

**Remember if you smell gas, leave the area at once and call the City of Louisburg Utilities Department at 913-837-5371. If after hours, call 913-837-5371 Option 1. If there is no response at any of these numbers then call 9-1-1 to report the gas leak.**

Our goal as a Natural Gas Distribution System is to provide safe, reliable natural gas to our customers and ensure the safety of the people living, working or congregating near our gas pipeline facilities. Public awareness is a critical component of our overall safety program. Our top priority is to protect people first and then property and we will base all our safety practices on that concept.

This information is being provided to you because you live, work or congregate near the Louisburg Natural Gas Pipeline System. Our pipelines are constructed of welded steel and polyethylene pipe. The steel pipe is coated and cathodically protected to reduce corrosion. It is important that you do not place anything on or against a meter or above-ground pipe. Doing so can short out the cathodic protection system causing the underground pipeline to corrode and possibly cause a leak.

### Emergency Preparedness – Protect Life then Property

The Louisburg Natural Gas Distribution System is committed to public safety and then environmental protection. In the event of a pipeline emergency take whatever steps you deem necessary to protect yourself and the public.

You cannot smell natural gas in its natural state, so a chemical has been added to help you detect its presence. This chemical, called Mercaptan, has a strong odor very much like that of a rotten egg. If you smell a pungent odor in or around your home, at work, or in your neighborhood, this odor may be the result of a natural gas leak.

### How to recognize a Natural Gas Emergency and Response

#### **1. If you are near a natural gas pipeline, these tips can help you recognize a natural gas leak:**

- **SIGHT** - If you see dirt or water blowing into the air, or notice standing water continuously bubbling, there may be a leak. You also can look for discolored or dead vegetation, dry spots in a moist field or bubbling in standing water.
- **SMELL** - An odor that has the distinct scent of sulfur or rotten eggs.
- **SOUND** - If you hear a loud roaring or high pitched hissing sound, there may be a leak.

#### **2. Response to a pipeline leak. If you detect a leak, do the following:**

- Leave the area immediately.
- **DO NOT** flip a light switch.
- **DO NOT** use your telephone or wireless phone.
- **DO NOT** light a match or lighter.
- **DO NOT** use a doorbell.

- **DO NOT** do anything that involves electricity.
- Notify other persons in area by person – **NOT BY PHONE** – to leave the premises, then leave yourself.
- Remember protect **LIFE** then Property.
- After you leave the area call 913-837-5371 to report a gas leak. If no answer call 911.
- Remain away from the building or area until an emergency official says it's safe to return.
- Warn others to stay away
- Do not attempt to correct the problem
- Once your gas has been shut off, do not attempt to turn it back on. Only qualified personnel shall perform this task.

### **Damage Prevention – Kansas One Call**

Please remember that Kansas Law requires anyone excavating to contact Kansas One Call at least two full working days before they start to dig. So, before you dig, excavate, plant trees, set fence posts, etc., call Kansas One Call at **811 or 1-800-Dig Safe**. They will need to know exactly where you are going to dig, the reason you are digging, a contact name and phone number to reach you if necessary, and the time and date you will be starting the project. This will give the Utility Companies time to locate and mark their underground facilities. This is free of charge and is for your protection as well as the Utilities. If you damage any gas utility, or even expose an underground gas pipe on the Louisburg Natural Gas System, you must call the Louisburg Utility Department at 913-837-5371. The gas pipe must be inspected before it is covered up.

### **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

One of the invisible dangers of burning any fuel is **CARBON MONOXIDE**. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas than can be formed when fuels like charcoal, gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, propane, wood, or natural gas are burned without a sufficient supply of oxygen. This condition can be caused by boxes or laundry blocking the base of a water heater, or a blocked, corroded or misaligned flue for the furnace. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can cause serious illness or even death. It is advisable to place CO monitors in the bedrooms of your home. The early effects of CO poisoning mimic the flu, so watch for symptoms such as headaches, nausea or vomiting **without a fever**, dizziness, disorientation, muscle weakness or fatigue.

### **Flexible Gas Connectors**

A lot of home appliances such as gas driers, stoves, furnaces or water heaters, are connected to the gas line in your home using a **FLEXIBLE GAS CONNECTOR**. These connectors allow you to move the appliance out from the wall to clean behind it without removing the gas line. Some older uncoated brass flex connectors have been known to fail causing a serious gas leak that has resulted in explosions. The new connectors are stainless steel. Replace any connector that does not have a label that reads: U.L. approved, A.G.A. approved, or ANSI standard. If you have any doubt, **BUY A NEW ONE!**

If you have any questions concerning information provided in this article, or would like more information, you can contact us at 913-837-5371 or drop by the Louisburg City Hall at 215 South Broadway.

Additional Information can be found at [www.louisburgkansas.gov](http://www.louisburgkansas.gov) or [www.facebook.com/LouisburgKS](http://www.facebook.com/LouisburgKS)

Puede obtenerse una versión en español de esta información en el Ayuntamiento 215 South Broadway



**Enter the Drawing to Win  
\$50 DOLLARS off your  
Next Utility Bill!!!!**

**Complete the survey and return it to City Hall, or place it in the utility payment drop box, by December 10th and get entered in the drawing for \$50 off your next utility bill.**

## City of Louisburg Natural Gas Distribution System

You received the document because you are a City of Louisburg Utility Customer. The Federal Government has mandated that operators of natural gas facilities make the effected public aware of the topics covered in this flier. We are asking you to take a minute and let us know if we are achieving that goal. Please fill out the survey below and drop it off, or mail to, the City of Louisburg, 215 South Broadway Louisburg Kansas 66053. You can also use the utility payment drop box located on the front of City Hall. If you have any comments or questions, you can use the comment section at the bottom of this form. If you would like to talk to someone in person, please contact the City Hall at 913-837-5371.

**REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO ENTER TO WIN!**

**1. In the last year, have you seen or heard any information from the City of Louisburg Gas Distribution System?**

- Yes
- No

**2. If Yes, what was the source of the information:**

- Written material
- Newspaper article or ad
- Face-to-face meeting
- Posted information
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Do you know if there is a gas pipeline close to your residence or place of employment?**

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

4. What does a "Gas Odor" typically smell like?

- Fish
- Cooking oil
- A distinct "rotten egg" or sulfur smell.
- Vehicle gasoline
- None of the above

5. How do you detect a natural gas leak

- A gas smell
- Discolored or dead vegetation near a pipeline
- Bubbling in standing water
- Any of the above

6. What do you do if you suspect a leak or smell gas inside a building?

- Don't** light a match or smoke a cigarette
- Don't** operate any electrical switches (for example, lights, appliances, etc.)
- Don't** make a call from inside the building
- Have **all** people leave the building **immediately**
- As soon as possible, call 9-1-1 or the gas company from a neighbors house (or away from the building and upwind of the gas odor)
- All of the above

7. What do you do if you suspect a leak or smell gas outdoors?

- Don't** light a match or smoke a cigarette
- Turn off machinery or equipment in the immediate area (if applicable)
- On foot, clear other people away and leave the area immediately
- Try to move upwind of the gas odor
- Be aware that natural gas could follow your underground lines and migrate into your home
- As soon as possible after leaving the area, call 9-1-1 or the gas company to report the gas odor
- All of the above

8. Before planting trees, putting in fences or other activities that require digging a hole, you should?

- Call all utilities you suspect might have underground facilities in your area
- Call 8-1-1 (or 1-800-Dig-Safe)
- Not worry about anything, underground utilities are always buried deep enough.

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**(DON'T FORGET TO PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: City of Louisburg, 215 South Broadway, Louisburg, Kansas. 66053**