USING YOUR SENSES

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**DETECTING NATURAL GAS**

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**SIGHT**
Natural gas may blow dirt, make bubbles, kill vegetation or create an area of frost on the ground in warm weather when it leaks from an underground pipe.

**SOUND**
A natural gas leak can be a quiet hiss or a loud roar.

**HAZARDS**

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION**
Natural gas is extremely flammable and is easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames.

**HEALTH**
Symptoms of a natural gas leak include headache, dizziness, loss of coordination, irritation, drowsiness, or unconsciousness. Extremely high concentrations of natural gas can cause suffocation from a lack of oxygen.

For more information about transmission pipeline operators located within a specified geographic area, visit the National Pipeline Mapping System website and complete a search at www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

We are obsessively, relentlessly at your service. If you have any questions about natural gas, please call us at 888-427-5632.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE SAFETY,**
Visit MidAmericanEnergy.com/safety and select Gas Safety.

Si desea copia de un folleto de este importante mensaje de la seguridad del gas natural en español, o si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a MidAmerican Energy al 888-427-5632. Tenemos representantes que le pueden asistir en español.

USE YOUR SENSES TO DETECT NATURAL GAS AND KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE
INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Furnaces, water heaters, gas fireplaces and ranges are all examples of appliances that may use natural gas. To keep your home safe from a leak, have regular inspections and maintenance done on gas appliances.
- Keep the area around gas appliances free from obstructions and combustible materials.
- Never store flammable liquids in your home or near fuel-burning appliances.
- Contact a qualified plumbing and heating dealer to check gas appliance connectors for possible defects.
- Always place approved end caps on pipes after removing appliances that use natural gas lines.
- Provide MidAmerican Energy personnel access to the meter and equipment when necessary.

GUARD AGAINST CO POISONING

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is the result of incompletely burned fuel. To protect your family and your home from exposure to CO:
- Have your home heating systems, including chimneys and flues, inspected regularly.
- Never use a gas range or stove to heat your home.
- Install and operate approved appliances by a nationally recognized testing laboratory according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Purchase a CO detector for every level of your home, and test and maintain it according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG – IT’S THE LAW. Any time you plan to dig on your property, whether as part of a construction job or homeowner project, you must dial 811 at least two full working days before digging to have utilities located.

Professional locators will mark MidAmerican Energy-owned underground gas and electric facilities and other underground utilities within two full working days of your call. Customers must contact a qualified plumbing and heating dealer or a qualified private contractor at www.usiclc.com (select Private Utility Request) to mark customer-owned gas piping, such as lines that run to natural gas grills or outbuildings.

Preserve location marks and flags until the project is complete to avoid potential injury and keep your neighborhood free from service disruption.

GAS METER SAFETY

If you notice obstructions on or around the meter, like ice build-up, or if you will be completing yard work that may require relocation of gas meters, notify MidAmerican Energy at 888-427-5632.