

Notice to Residents

Natural Gas Safety Rules

Natural gas, like all forms of energy and like many other products found in the home, is capable of doing damage and MUST be used properly. Here are some facts everyone should know about gas and gas-operated equipment from a safety point of view.

Gas Accidents can be avoided when you follow these safety rules:

1. Teach children that they are not to turn on or light appliances
2. Keep combustibles (curtains, paper, fluids) away from any open flames.
3. If lighting is required- always light match first and hold it at point of lighting before you turn on gas.
4. Keep burning surface clean of dirt, match ends, grease, etc.
5. Repair and installation is a job for experts. Never attempt to do it yourself.
6. Use equipment for the job it was intended to do - for example, an oven should NOT be used to heat a room.

Gas appliances, equipment and transmission lines are safe and are constantly being tested and improved. However, it is possible through misuse or accident to have a GAS LEAK. Your senses can help you to discover a gas leak.....

- > **SMELL** - A distinctive odor has been added to natural gas so that less than 1% of gas in the air can be detected.
- > **SIGHT** - In some appliances you can see the flame so you know it is working
- > **TOUCH** - With some appliances you can feel overheating or cold in the burner area which would indicate trouble.
- > **HEARING** - If the flame sounds unusually noisy, it may not be burning properly.

IF YOU DISCOVER A GAS LEAK...

OPEN WINDOWS and doors to dilute the gas to safe levels

AVOID FLAME and operating of electrical equipment

NEVER LIGHT a gas appliance if an odor of gas is present.

If odor is extremely strong, **EVACUATE BUILDING!** Call for help from a neighbor's home. **CONTACT** qualified person to turn gas back on and relight appliances.

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