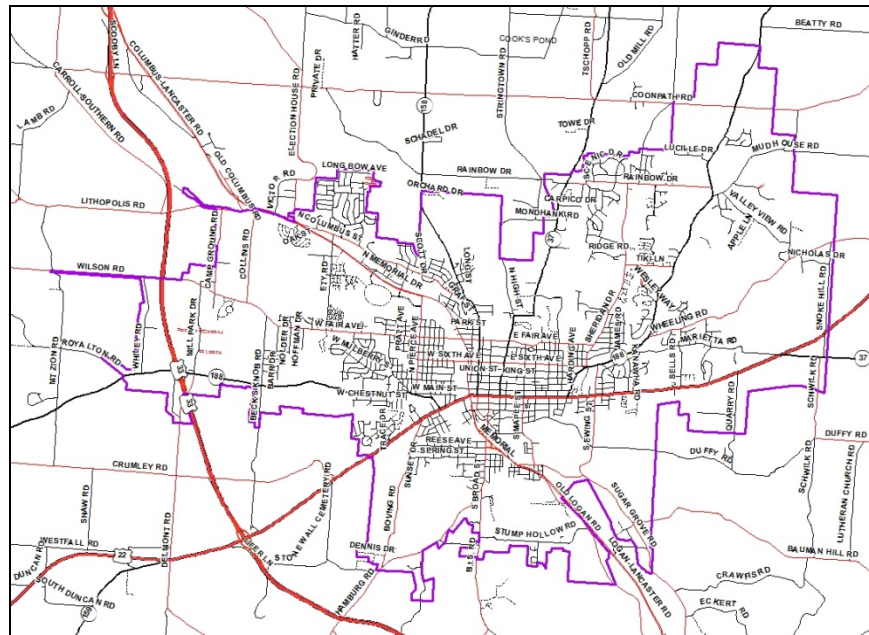


# Pipeline Purpose & Calling 811

**Natural gas** is America's most popular home heating fuel – heating more households than all other energy forms combined. In all, 52 percent of all heated U.S. households have natural gas heat.

Natural gas is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable, and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources.

In our community, **Lancaster Municipal Gas** provides natural gas to more than 15,000 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines branch into household service lines. The pipes can be made of steel or plastic.



As an industry, steel pipes are being replaced with the more durable plastic piping. The main lines are typically 2 to 8 inches in diameter and are located roughly two-feet below the surface, while service lines are typically 1 to 1 1/4-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface.

That's why it's important before you move earth in any way to **"Call Before You Dig"**. Whether you're installing an underground dog fence, planting a tree, or digging a post-hole, underground piping and other utilities can be damaged. By dialing "811" or calling the Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) directly at 1-800-362-2764 utility companies will be notified so that they can locate the lines on your property, you can then dig safely avoiding the hazards. For more information on the nationwide One Call System you can visit the website at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com). Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake.