



### **What to do when you smell gas..**

- **Do you smell gas?** Natural gas has an odorant added to it to give it a distinct smell. Many people compare the smell to that of rotten eggs, others think it has an oily petroleum odor.
- **Can you hear gas leaking?** If a gas line is broken off or taken apart you may hear a hissing or blowing sound. This sound is usually accompanied by a strong odor of gas.
- **Can you see a gas leak?** Since natural gas is clear, you can't actually see the gas; however, there are signs of a leak that you may be able to see such as dirt blowing or water bubbling in your yard or along the street. Dried out ground or dead vegetation may be another sign that gas is leaking.

**If you suspect a gas leak walk away from the area immediately. Do not do anything that may cause a spark such as using a cell phone, turning a light switch on OR off, starting an engine, lighting a match, smoking, or using any electrical device. Once you are at a safe location, contact 911 immediately,**

### **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

**Are you planning a project that may include any of the following?**

- ✓ **Installing a Fence or Deck**
- ✓ **Installing a main box support post**
- ✓ **Water drainage lines**
- ✓ **Buried utility lines**
- ✓ **Planting a tree**

- ✓ Installing a dog fence
- ✓ Removing a tree stump
- ✓ Or any activity that disturbs the soil

If so, you should call The Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) at least 48 hours (but not more than 10 days) prior to beginning any excavation. OUPS will then notify all utility owners of your plan so they may locate their buried lines on your project area. This small act will help ensure your safety, prevent a potentially hazardous situation, save you money in the long run, and it's the LAW. So, before starting to dig, remember to: Call Before You Dig and Know What's Below.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

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