



## ALEXANDER CITY GAS DEPARTMENT

### ABOUT ALEXANDER CITY GAS DEPARTMENT

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### TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GAS SYSTEM:

Telephone: 256-409-2070

E-mail: [chris.hardy@alexandercityal.gov](mailto:chris.hardy@alexandercityal.gov)

Web site: [alexandercityal.gov](http://alexandercityal.gov)

**Before digging call Alabama 811:**  
811 or 1-800-292-8525

### ALEXANDER CITY GAS DEPARTMENT OPERATES FACILITIES IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

Tallapoosa County

- Inside the Alexander City Police Jurisdiction Coosa County
- Inside the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park
- Along Highway 22, West of the City

The Alexander City Gas Department is owned and operated by the City of Alexander City. The Department has nine meter and regulating stations at various locations throughout our operating area. The stations reduce the operating pressures from 400 psi down to 4 ounces of pressure.

The Department maintains approximately 145 miles of main lines ranging in size from 10 inch down to .5 inch.

We maintain approximately 4200 service lines and meters.

### NATURAL GAS IS A CLEAN, EFFICIENT, AND SAFE NATIONAL RESOURCE

Pipelines are the safest and most reliable way to transport natural gas; working together we can keep it that way.

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, DRILL OR BLAST

At least 48 hours before digging

- Alabama One Call: 1-800-292-8525 or 811
- Alexander City Gas Department: 256-409-2070

#### If you cause a pipeline accident:

1. Abandon Equipment
2. Leave Area Quickly
3. Warn others
4. Seek the Aid of Local Authorities
5. Notify the Alexander City Gas Department

From the moment the accident occurs, the action you take may determine the seriousness of the incident.

### PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED

**Product:** Natural Gas

**Leak Type:** Gas

**Vapors:** Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipate. May gather in a confined space and travel to a source of ignition.

**Health Hazards:** Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at high concentrations. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.



### EMERGENCY CONTACT: 256-409-2070 OR 911

<b>PRODUCTS/DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/GUIDE#:</b>		
Natural Gas	1971	115

### ALABAMA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Tallapoosa

*Changes may occur. Contact the operator to discuss their pipeline systems and areas of operation.*

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

#### If you smell gas inside:

1. If the odor is strong:
  - Everyone should leave the building and go a safe distance.
  - Call from a cell phone or from a neighbors phone. 256-409-2070 (Gas Department) or 911.
  - Leave the door open so company crews have access and gas can vent to the atmosphere.
2. If the odor is slight:
  - Call the Gas Department and a crew will come to your location and do a complete investigation.

#### If you smell gas outside:

1. Report the location to the Gas Department: 256-409-2070.
2. If you hear or see evidence of a leak stay away from the area and keep ignition sources away from the area. Notify the Gas Department immediately.

### MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES

Alexander City Gas Department invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of our pipeline system. Our employees are trained on individual task covering all areas of operation. The most serious threat to our system, as determined by our Distribution Integrity Management Plan, is excavation damage. When notified,

Alexander City Gas Department will locate and mark our lines in any excavation area at no cost to the excavator. More information about Alexander City Gas Department's system can be found at our website [www.alexandercityal.gov](http://www.alexandercityal.gov) or by calling directly at 256-409-2070.

### EXCESS FLOW VALVE (EFV) NOTIFICATION

Federal Regulation (49 CFR - §192.383(d)) regarding gas pipeline safety requires Natural Gas Utilities to notify customers of their right to request installation of an Excess Flow Valve (EFV\*) on their existing gas service line. If you would like to have an EFV installed in an existing natural gas service line, such costs, if any, will be the responsibility of the property owner. Please contact your local office for additional information.

### SAFETY BENEFITS

An EFV is a safety device that is designed to automatically stop the flow of natural gas should the flow of gas through the device exceed a pre-determined rate. The device is normally installed at (near) the service line's connection to the gas distribution main, and protects against the uncontrolled escape of natural gas should the downstream line be broken/

severed. It should be noted that these devices generally do not protect against slow leaks such as those caused by corrosion, loose fittings, or leaks beyond the gas meter (house piping).

The use of EFVs has been primarily precipitated by service line incidents caused by accidental digging by excavators. Such incidents account for

about 1/3 of the natural gas pipeline incidents in the United States. While the use of an EFV may help to limit the effects/damages of such an incident, the best prevention against such incidents is to ensure that those who may have reason to be excavating on your property call 811.

