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PROTECTING YOUR GAS METER

When it comes to your natural gas meter, you can avoid potentially hazardous situations by following these simple guidelines.

1. Keep any above ground piping painted.
2. Do not chain bikes, boats, or pets to the meter.
3. Do not allow children to sit or play on the meter. The extra weight and strain can damage both the meter and the connecting gas pipes.
4. When planting trees, shrubs or plants, be sure to allow plenty of room for future growth around the meter area. Fully grown trees could obstruct or even uproot you gas lines if planted to close to the meter. Keep all growth trimmed so the meter dials are visible.
5. Avoid placing the meter where it will be susceptible to third-party damage. Call the gas department concerning meter location, piping systems, and meter protection at (270) 765-6121.

LEAK RECOGNITION

Natural gas is colorless, odorless, and lighter than air. An odorant has been added giving it a very distinct smell so a leak can be readily detected. Other indicators of a possible natural gas leak include but are not limited to:

- A hissing or roaring sound caused by escaping gas,
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, or
- Blowing dirt, grass, or leaves near the pipeline.

LEAK RESPONSE

- Evacuate to an area upwind from the suspected leak immediately.
- Do not start motor vehicles or turn on electrical equipment including lights near the suspected leak.
- Do not light a match or create any other source of ignition.

- Warn others to stay away from the area.
- Call 911 to notify fire and police departments once you have reached a safe area.
- Call the City of Elizabethtown Natural Gas Department to report the possible leak at (270) 765-6121.

The City of Elizabethtown operates a natural gas distribution system in Hardin and Meade counties. This system consists of cathodically protected steel pipe, polyethylene pipe, and readily identified above ground facilities.

As a customer or someone who lives or works near our pipelines and facilities, your safety is our number one priority. To ensure this, the City has programs to monitor the natural gas distribution system including but not limited to regularly scheduled compliance inspections, leakage surveys, and corrosion control. In this document you will find information on:

- Recognizing pipeline routes in our community
- Recognizing signs of a natural gas leak
- The importance of maintaining your natural gas meter
- Responding to a natural gas leak.

PIPELINE IDENTIFICATION

To identify locations of underground piping and facilities in rural areas, pipeline markers are used. These markers are typically located at road and railroad crossings as well as along the pipeline right of ways.

The markers display:

- The material transported in the line,
- The name of the pipeline operator, and
- A 24-hour emergency telephone number.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:
1-270-765-6121

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Natural Gas	1971	115

**KENTUCKY
COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

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

MARKER INFORMATION

- Does not show exact location of the line
- Does not indicate depth
- Does not indicate pipeline pressure

Statistics indicate that damage from excavation related activities is the leading cause of pipeline incidents. If you are planning to excavate for any reason, follow these guidelines.

1. Call Kentucky811 @ 811 or 1-800-752-6007
2. Wait two business days after you call before digging.
3. If after two business days there are no markings, call the gas department to confirm that there are no natural gas lines in the vicinity of planned excavation at (270) 765-6121.
4. Dig with Care!

