

CITY OF HUNTINGBURG

GAS DEPARTMENT

508 North Van Buren Street

Office Phone: 812-683-3622

Monday thru Friday 7 AM to 3:30 PM

EMERGENCY PHONE: 812-683-2327

24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK



The Gas Division of the City of Huntingburg Municipal Utilities provides high-quality, safe, and competitively priced natural gas service to over 3,300 customer connections within its service area, including the City of Huntingburg, Town of Ireland, parts of the City of Jasper, and many other rural areas to the north, south and west ... even into Pike County. This includes maintaining 137 miles of natural gas main, 32 regulators stations, plus a 564,000 Mcf natural underground gas storage reservoir. The Gas Division utilizes multiple connection sources for purchasing gas, supplemented by withdrawals from our storage field, to maintain gas costs as low as possible for our customers as well as providing back-up sources in an emergency. We protect our steel gas mains and services through cathodic protection and check for leaks by doing an annual survey. For more information call our office at 812-683-3622 or www.indiana811.com.

NATURAL GAS SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide Awareness: Carbon monoxide can be a by-product of an inefficient or improperly working gas fired appliance. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that kills more than 200 people in the U.S. every year. Make sure your equipment is in good working order and properly vented. Check flues and chimneys to be sure they are clean and clear of debris.

Common symptoms include: Dizziness; Shortness of breath; Headaches; Confusion; Nausea; Fainting. Natural gas is dependable and safe when used properly. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem in your home, call the City of Huntingburg at 812-683-2327 or your local Fire Department.

RECOGNIZE A LEAK

Natural gas is lighter than air and will rise. Other heavier-than-air gases will stay near the ground and collect in low spots. Leaking natural gas is potentially dangerous. Although it is non-toxic it can displace the oxygen you breathe causing suffocation.

You can recognize a leak:

- * By smell: A natural gas leak is indicated by the strong odor of the chemical mercaptan, which is added to natural gas.
- * By sight: A dense white cloud over a pipeline or discolored vegetation surrounding the gas line may be signs of a leak. Blowing dirt, dust or bubbles in standing water may also be a sign.
- * By sound: An unusual noise coming from the natural gas line, like a hissing or roaring sound, maybe a sign of a leak.

What to do if I recognize a leak...

- * Leave the leak area immediately.
- * If the leak is at your home, leave the door open as you leave.
- * Go to a safe location and call the City of Huntingburg at 812-683-2327, giving your name and location of the leak.

What **NOT** to do if I recognize a leak...

- * **DO NOT** light a match, turn on or off light switches, and turn on a flashlight or anything that may create a spark.
- * **DO NOT** use the telephone, cell phone, television or radio.
- * **DO NOT** use an automatic garage door.
- * **DO NOT** turn on gas range or other gas appliances.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG – 811 (Holey Moley)

Before you dig or excavate, you must contact the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service— “One Call” system by dialing 811, not your local utilities to ensure all members involved are notified. You are required by state law to notify the 811 system not less than 2 working days before digging, excavation or demolition activity begins whether landscaping, building fences or a major construction project. The member utility companies will send a representative to mark their underground lines at your site. **The call is free and so is the marking service.** For more information go online at www.indiana811.com.

What to do if you dig and disturb or damage a natural gas line:

Even if you cause what appears to be only minor damage to the gas line, notify the City of Huntingburg at 812-683-2327 immediately. A gouge, scrape, dent, or crease to the pipe or coating may cause a future rupture or leak. It is important that the City of Huntingburg inspects and repairs any damage to the line. Regardless of how minor the damage appears don't cover it up!!

DO NOT MAKE REPAIRS TO THE LINE YOURSELF.

Calling before you dig, either by hand or with machinery, could prevent possible accidents, injuries or death.

REMEMBER IT'S THE LAW! DIAL 811.

SAFETY WARNING

Flexible gas connectors are used to bring gas from supply pipes to appliances such as stoves, dryers, and room heaters. They are made of corrugated metal tubing – newer models being fabricated from stainless steel or from brass that has been coated with plastic. Older connectors, however, were made from uncoated brass.

It is a good practice to replace any flexible gas connector which is more than 10 years old. This is because flexible connectors are not meant to last a lifetime. Older units can wear out from too much moving, bending or from corrosion. If you can, check your flexible connector without moving the appliance attached to it. If you cannot make this check without moving the appliance, we recommend that you have a service contractor inspect the connector for you. Moving the appliance could strain the connector, possibly causing a gas leak. So, if your appliance must be moved, it's best to have a professional on hand to do it.

If a replacement is needed, make sure the new connector is certified by the American Gas Association (AGA) and conforms to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard Z21.24.

GAS LINE MARKER POSTS

The picture below shows a gas line marker post that is designed to be noticed easily from any distance. It is a violation of Federal Law to damage these posts in any way. Gas line marker posts are another reminder of the importance to call 811, at least 2 full working days before to have all gas lines located and marked before any type of digging, excavation or demolition is done.

Example of Gas Line Marker Post

Markers and warning signs are located at frequent intervals along distribution pipeline right-of-ways (ROW). They are found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, railway, or waterway, and at other prominent points along the route. Markers warn that a distribution pipeline is located in the area, identify the product transported in the line, and provide the name of the pipeline operator and a telephone number to call in the event of an emergency. Pipeline markers indicate only the presence of a pipeline, not the exact location. Pipeline locations within a ROW may vary along the length of the ROW. Additionally, there may be multiple pipelines located in the same ROW.

A person that knowingly moves, removes, damages, or otherwise alters a facility locate marker may be subject to a civil penalty up to but not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000)dollars.

