

## NATURAL GAS, A SAFE RELIABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY

City Utilities (CU) continuously monitors our pipeline system to ensure safe and efficient delivery of natural gas to your home. For your protection, an odorant similar to rotten eggs is added so you can easily detect a natural gas leak.

### IF YOU SMELL GAS IN YOUR HOME .... **ACT FAST**

- 1.** Leave immediately. Do not use telephones, computers, electrical switches, or anything that could cause a spark.
- 2.** Go to a safe location and call 911 and CU at 863-9000 to report a natural gas emergency.



## PRACTICE SAFETY BEFORE YOU START YOUR OUTDOOR PROJECT



- 1.** Call Missouri One Call at 811 before you dig to locate electric, gas, water and sewer lines.
- 2.** A professional will locate the lines within three days, and it's free of charge.
- 3.** Respect the utility markers and dig carefully.
- 4.** You are responsible for marking your private lines such as invisible pet fences, sprinkler systems, yard lights, and gas grill lines.
- 5.** If you do cause damage to utility lines, immediately stop, move to a safe location, and call CU at 863-9000.

For more information on natural gas safety,  
visit [cityutilities.net](http://cityutilities.net).



## Carbon Monoxide – An Invisible Killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a toxic gas produced by burning any type of fuel--gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal--without proper ventilation. Impossible to see, taste or smell, it can become deadly within minutes.

### What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

- Headache • Dizziness • Nausea & vomiting
- Confusion & drowsiness

### What to do if you experience symptoms:

Leave the area and get fresh air immediately. Call 911 if medical assistance is needed. Before returning, bring in qualified experts to locate the problem.

## How To Protect Your Family With A Few Simple Steps

- Install carbon monoxide alarms near sleeping areas.
- Have a qualified professional check all fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, venting, and chimney systems once a year.
- Check frequently for visible signs of problems, such as high indoor humidity, or soot or water collecting near a burner or vent.
- Never attempt to heat a room with a natural gas range, oven or clothes dryer.
- Never operate a car, grill, lawn mower or any combustion engine in enclosed areas.

*Watch for tips on portable generator safety in the November bill insert.*