

## *"Look, Listen, Smell, Leave, and Tell"*

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when operating and caring for natural gas appliances.

Don't use fuel lines for storage. Do not hang heavy coats or other items from a fuel line (often located near the ceiling in basements).

Whether you're installing an underground dog fence or deck, running water to an outbuilding or post-hole digging for a new mail box post, underground piping and other utilities can become damaged. Call The Utilities Protection Center at 1-800-282-7411 or **811** before you dig or move earth in any way.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Post on your refrigerator or in another visible place.

Fire: **911**

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Police: **911**

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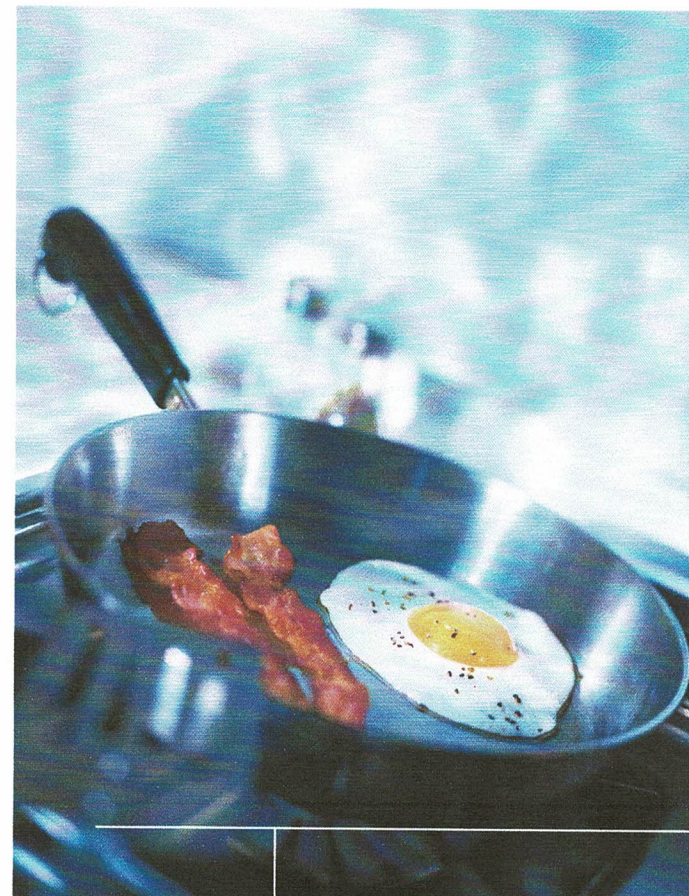
Gas Company: **911**

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Practice safety drills and emergency home evacuation drills. Keep emergency numbers handy and teach young family members who to call for help when needed.

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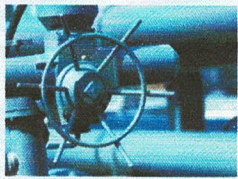


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Safety and You!*

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The City of Bainbridge is your local natural gas provider. There are underground natural gas lines in your area. We are providing this safety brochure as part of our pipeline damage prevention

## Natural Gas Safety At Home

To burn properly, natural gas mixes with just the right amount of air to be ignited by a spark or flame. Natural gas that burns without enough air produces a deadly gas – carbon monoxide.

Because natural gas is colorless and odorless, a chemical with a distinct smell is added to alert you of a leak. The added odor smells like rotten eggs.

Teach all members of your family the three ways to recognize a natural gas leak, so they will know what to do.

# Gas Safety at Home

Never try to locate a leak yourself – it could be fatal. Let the experts who work for your local gas provider or emergency personnel handle this!!

### Your Home >>>

Be sure to keep all natural gas appliances clean. Do not use the kitchen range as a space heater. This can produce dangerous carbon monoxide gas. Have your natural gas appliances installed, serviced and repaired by professionals. Keep chimney flues and vents for all appliances clean and in good working condition. Keep areas around your gas water heater and furnace clean and free of flammable substances.

### Your Children >>>

Teach small children to stay away from all gas burning appliances. Take them on a tour of your home's gas-burning appliances, emphasizing the importance of safe operation. Explain to them that they must never swing from or play with pipes leading into your home or to appliances or any outdoor meters.

**When in doubt – GET OUT!**

### What To Do >>>

#### Look –

Blowing dirt, bubbling in creeks or ponds, dry spots in moist areas or dead plants surrounded by green live ones could indicate a leak.

#### Listen –

A hissing sound that is near gas lines, any appliances or meters could indicate a leak.

#### Smell –

If you smell the rotten egg odor there could be a leak.

**Leave –** Leave the area immediately.

#### Tell –

Be sure to tell authorities - Notify 911. A faint odor of gas may mean that a pilot light has gone out and should be relit; however a **strong odor** means you should leave the home at once, go to a neighbor's house and call your local utility or emergency number from there.

Also, do not turn any electrical switches on or off or use a telephone or flashlight, because an electric spark could ignite the gas and cause an

## Smell Gas? Act Fast!



### Do A Home Inspection with Your Children >>>

Natural gas is used for heating buildings, heating water, cooking, drying clothes, lighting, and other purposes. Some home appliances that use natural gas include:

Furnaces

Clothes dryers

Pools

Hot tub heaters

Barbecue Grills

Water heaters

Outdoor lights

Stoves & ranges