

# RECOGNIZING A GAS LEAK

Knowing the signs of a natural gas emergency will help you react quickly and safely.

Signs of a natural gas leak;

- Rotten egg smell
- Bubbles in wet or flooded areas
- Flames, if a leak has ignited
- Hissing or blowing sound from pipeline, storage tank or appliance.
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area.
- Dirt or dust blowing from the ground

To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 770-963-3332



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## Natural Gas

Pipeline Safety



### Responding to A Natural Gas Emergency

Important  
Information  
For  
Emergency  
Responders



# CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE GAS DEPARTMENT

## AT WORK FOR YOU

Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Responsible.

### BE SAFE – FIRST RESPONDERS

DO NOT attempt to stop or plug the leak. This may cause a spark & ignition that could result in injury or death. Only trained utility employees should take action to stop the flow of gas from damaged gas pipelines.

DO NOT cover a damaged pipeline with dirt in an attempt to stop the leak.

DO NOT attempt to put out a gas fire if ignition occurs.

DO NOT turn off vehicles or equipment or use a device like a cell phone, without leaving the area first.

### IF YOU ARE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER:

- If a leak has been detected, secure the area around the leak with barricades and other control devices.
- Determine if the leak has caught fire. If it has, try to prevent the spread but DO NOT attempt to extinguish the fire.
- If the leak isn't burning, DO NOT allow smoking in the area.
- Direct all traffic away from the area.
- Access the need to evacuate the area including homes, businesses, schools, churches and other facilities.

### PIPELINE MARKERS

Underground pipelines are identified with markers placed above ground. These markers do not indicate the exact location or the depth which may vary greatly.



### BE SMART – FIRST RESPONDERS

Know where the pipelines are. As an emergency responder you have access to the National Pipeline Mapping system (NPMS) that shows the location of inter and intrastate gas pipelines, plants and other facilities throughout Georgia.