OSAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

NATURAL GAS SAFETY

KNOW THE SIGNS. TAKE ACTION. STAY SAFE.

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LOOK

FOR CHANGES AROUND YOU



- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise healthy area
- Dirt, dust, or debris blowing into the air
- Bubbling water in puddles, ditches, ponds
- Frost or ice forming on the ground or piping when temperatures are above freezing

LISTEN

FOR UNUSUAL SOUNDS



- Hissing, whistling, or roaring sounds near a gas line, meter or other natural gas equipment
- The sound can range from a quiet hiss to a loud roar, depending on the size of the leak

SMELL

FOR A SULFUR ODOR



- Natural gas has no natural odor, so a harmless odorant is added to help detect leaks.
- A strong sulfur or "rotten egg" odor could indicate a natural gas leak

IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK

LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

DO NOT USE ANYTHING THAT COULD CREATE A SPARK



Do not turn lights on or off.



Do not start vehicles or equipment.



Do not use telephones or cell phones near the leak.



Do not use matches, lighters, or anything that could create a spark.

THEN CALL FOR HELP

From a safe location

Call OMU:

641-832-3731

Call 911 if there is an immediate danger to people or property.

Keep others away from the area until emergency responders arrive.

IOWA ONE CALL

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

IT'S A FREE CALL.
IT'S THE LAW.
IT'S THE SAFE THING TO DO.

Whether you're planting a tree, installing a fence, or starting a landscaping project, always contact **Iowa One Call** before digging.

Call 811 or visit www.iowaonecall.com at least 48 hours before digging.

Underground utility lines can be damaged even during small projects, creating a serious safety hazard.

QUESTIONS?

Contact OMU for more information about natural gas safety or service.

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