

**A Natural Gas Safety Message from the City of Willcox. Our Main Purpose is to provide a safe and reliable utility service to customers.**



The City of Willcox owns and operates the natural gas, water and sewer facilities in your area.

Natural gas is an odorless and colorless gas. For easy detection by the public, the City adds a rotten-egg odor. This lighter-than-air

gas is an excellent energy source for heating and cooking which must be treated with care and respect.

Carelessness or unsafe usage of natural gas can result in:

- Leaks resulting in fire or explosion
- Inconsistent pressure (highs & lows) causing equipment and/or property damage
- Service outage effecting from one service to many
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Suffocation

### ***If you smell or suspect you smell natural gas - - -***

Normally, you should not smell natural gas. If you do, it may be an indication of a gas leak.

The following requirements are for your safety should you smell gas or you suspect you have a gas leak:

### **Leave or evacuate the immediate area including any other persons or pets**

- Do not smoke, use lighters or matches
- Eliminate all sources of ignition
- Do not turn on/off any appliances, light switches or other appliances for they can be an ignition source
- Do not use any phones or cell phones



### **Signs of a Gas Leak**

- Vehicle has hit meter
- Meter at an odd angle or laying on ground
- Vandalism
- Blowing air or gas out of meter
- Blowing air or gas out of ground
- Meter “hissing” or making a noise

***Call the City of Willcox from a remote location at (520)384-4271 or 911***

### **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Under normal operating conditions, natural gas burns cleanly and safely. If the gas is not burning properly, incomplete combustion can occur and carbon monoxide is produced.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and toxic gas that is potentially fatal.

### **Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning may include:**

- Feeling tired, having a headache and feeling dizzy
- Nausea and/or vomiting

Often, these flu-like symptoms will affect your entire family at the same time. But unlike the flu, if everyone feels better after they leave the house, then the symptoms come back when they return home, your family could be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning.

In addition to natural gas, incomplete combustion of any fuel containing carbon such as propane, gasoline, kerosene and charcoal can produce carbon monoxide.

In most cases, with any combination of preventive maintenance and common sense, you can keep your home carbon monoxide free.

***If you suspect Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, call (520)384-4271 or 911***



***Example of improper burning gas stove.***

## **CALL ARIZONA BLUE STAKE BEFORE YOU DIG**

There are many different types of underground utilities mains, please call **Arizona Blue Stake** two (2) working days before digging. This *free* service can be contacted at 1-800-STAKE-IT or 1-800-782-5348. They in turn will send a locate request to all the utilities in your dig area. The City of Willcox will mark the gas, water and sewer mains up to the meter or property line.

**Always call Arizona Blue Stake at  
1-800-STAKE-IT or 1-800-782-5348  
before you dig.**

### **Who Do I Call if I Uncover a Pipeline or Main?**

Any time you uncover any type of pipeline or main, stop your excavation and contact the City of Willcox at 384-4271 during regular business hours or 384-4673 (Public Safety) after 5 p.m., weekends, or holidays. A utility crewman will respond to inspect the main for damage and/or identify the type of main.

- **White**—Proposed excavation
- **Florescent Pink**—Temporary Survey Markings
- **Safety Red**—Electric Power
- **Safety Yellow**—Gas Distribution and Transmission; Oil Product Distribution and Transmission; Dangerous Materials; product Lines
- **Safety Alert Orange**—Telephone and Cable Television
- **Letter “F” in Safety Alert Orange**—Fiber Optic Communications
- **Safety Precaution Blue**—Water Systems
- **Purple**—Reclaimed Water
- **Safety Green**—Sanitary Sewer



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**



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you smell  
Natural gas, call  
(520) 384-4271  
or 911



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# **Natural Gas Safety Tips**

**A Safety message  
from The City of  
Willcox; the  
people who care  
about your safety.**

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