



City of Willcox Public Services and Works

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There has been a Federal Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Law passed (192.383, Office of Pipeline Safety) requiring you to be notified of the availability of an Excess Flow Valve to be installed on the service line from the City's main to your gas meter.

You may request the City of Willcox install an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) on the gas line to your property. EFV's are mechanical shut-off devices that can be installed in the gas pipe running to the gas meter at your property line. An EFV is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks, for example, by an excavation accident. Stopping the flow of gas from a broken service line significantly reduces the risk of natural gas fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage.

EFV's are NOT designed to close if a leak occurs beyond the gas meter. EFV's also may NOT close if the leak on the service line is small.

If you add additional gas appliances, for example, a pool heater, emergency generator, etc., the additional gas flow may cause the EFV to close.

If you notify us that you want an EFV, we will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable date when we will install an EFV on your service line between the main and the meter, not on personal property. It is still your responsibility to maintain the service line from the outlet side of the meter on the property and inside the building.

The cost to install the EFV at your request is approximately \$500 to \$1,000 dependent upon installation requirements.

EFV's cannot be installed on some service lines due to high gas flow, low pressure, or other factors. If you request an EFV, we will inform you if your service line cannot accommodate an EFV.

Should you suspect you have a gas leak or carbon monoxide poisoning, please contact the City at (520)384-4271 or the Police Department at 911 and we will send a technician to check for leaks.

Please call Arizona 811 before digging.

