

PUBLIC NOTICE – NATURAL GAS SYSTEM

City of Plaquemine

The U.S. Department of Transportation Regulation 192.16 requires the City of Plaquemine to advise our new and existing customers of certain safety recommendations regarding your underground natural gas piping.

The City of Plaquemine Gas Department operates our publicly-owned and operated natural gas system with an emphasis on safety and reliable service. We are required to design, operate and maintain our underground natural gas pipeline system in accordance with prescribed federal safety standards. We do not maintain the natural gas piping beyond the meter. Gas piping beyond the meter is the property of the customer and/or property owner. If underground (metallic) gas piping is not properly maintained, it may be subject to corrosion and/or leakage.

The City of Plaquemine maintains these gas pipelines to a high standard and they are considered reliable. A Damage Control Program (line markers) and an Emergency Plan for responding to an emergency situation has been established and the City works closely with fire and emergency response personnel. Prior to any excavation in and around any gas facilities, please contact the One-Call System at 1 (800) 272-3020.

HELP US KEEP YOU SAFE

How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak

Natural gas leaks may be detected by one of the following indications on or near our pipelines right-of-way:

1. A gaseous or hydrocarbon odor.
2. A blowing or hissing sound.
3. Dust blowing from a hole in the ground.
4. Continuous bubbling in one spot in wet or flooded area.
5. Dead vegetation (grass, shrubs or trees.)
6. Abnormally dry or hardened soil.
7. Fire apparently coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

CAUTION: Natural gas that has accumulated in a confined space is subject to explosion.

Please stay away from immediate area of any suspected gas leak and contact the City of Plaquemine Gas Maintenance Department at 225-687-2461 or 225-687-2033 or After Hours: 225-687-4796.

NOTE: The City of Plaquemine does not maintain buried piping between the natural gas meter and the house or commercial building. The customer or property owner is responsible for maintaining and repairing this section of gas piping from leakage. These buried natural gas lines should be checked periodically for leakage by a qualified technician.

If you need additional information, suspect a natural gas leak or in case of an emergency concerning a City of Plaquemine natural gas main or service line, immediately call:

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225-687-2461 or 225-687-2033 (During Business Hours) -- After Business Hours: 226-687-4796
Before Digging: Call One -System at 1 (800) 272-3020

PUBLIC NOTICE – HIGH VOLTAGE OVERHEAD POWER LINE SAFETY ACT
City of Plaquemine

Louisiana law (LRS 45:141-1-46) prohibits unauthorized persons from working, including moving equipment, within ten (10) feet of any high voltage overhead electric utility line.

If any unauthorized person intends to work within ten (10) feet of any high voltage overhead electric utility line, the person responsible for the work to be done must notify the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead electric utility line not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencing work.

Work shall be performed only after satisfactory mutual agreements have been completed between the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead electric utility line and the person responsible for the work to be done.

To notify the City of Plaquemine that you intend to work within ten (10) feet of a high voltage overhead electric utility line owned or operated by it, please call **225-687-2461** (between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.- Monday through Friday). In the event of an emergency after-business hours, please call **225-687-4796 or dial 911.**

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