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The City of Marianna strives to provide safe, reliable natural gas service to our customers, and to ensure the safety of those living and/or working near our gas distribution lines. Because you may live or work in the vicinity of underground gas distribution lines or may be a natural gas customer, we are providing this safety information as part of our Public Awareness Plan.



A critical component of our overall safety program is the Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) system. Before excavation of any kind takes place, State law requires that you call SSOCOF toll free number 8-1-1 so that utility lines can be professionally marked prior to any digging. State law requires you to call at least two full business days (but not more than five) before excavation takes place. Business days exclude weekends and holidays. This service is free of charge and will provide location of ALL underground utilities, not just natural gas. Common excavations requiring notification can run the gamut from complex jobs involving demolition, grading, directional drilling, and other trenchless technologies, to jobs such as pot holing, landscaping, fence and post installation and stump grinding. Yellow flags and/or paint marked on the surface area will be used to identify underground gas lines.

Underground utilities, including natural gas pipelines, exist everywhere. The City of Marianna maintains all the gas lines up to your meter for your home or business. However, you are responsible for the gas lines from the meter to your home or business. Just as the City of Marianna Gas Division conducts regular facility inspections and maintenance; it's a good idea for home and business owners to have their natural gas plumbing and appliances checked annually by qualified gas technicians.

### **DETECTING A NATURAL GAS LEAK**

Natural gas is one of the safest, most reliable and environmentally friendly fuels in use today, but over time leaks can occur. Here are three ways to recognize a natural gas leak:

- **LOOK:** blowing dirt, bubbling creeks or ponds, dry spots in moist areas or dead plants surrounded by green, live plants may indicate a natural gas leak.
- **LISTEN:** An unusual hissing sound near gas lines or appliances may indicate a natural gas leak.
- **SMELL:** natural gas is colorless and odorless. Therefore, a chemical known as *mercaptan* is injected into the system in order to create a distinct odor, which is useful in leak detection.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the natural gas system in your neighborhood, or in the case of emergencies, please call the City of Marianna Public Works Department at 850-482-4129 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. After hours and weekends, calls are forwarded to the City of Marianna Police Dept. However, you may contact the Police Department directly after hours at 850-526-3125.