



# Street News

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## Department of Public Works

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**Service Calls/Emergency 24HRS: (530) 257-7237**

## METER SAFETY

- Do not let leaves or other yard debris pile on or around the meter. The extra weight and strain can damage both the gas meter and the connecting pipes.
- Do NOT tie bikes or pets to gas meters!
- Do NOT allow children to sit on or play near the gas meters.
- When planting trees, shrubs, or plants, be sure to allow plenty of room for future growth around and below the meter area.
- Be aware, fully grown trees could obstruct or even up-root your gas lines if planted too close to the gas meter.



## SAVE ENERGY

- Install a programmable thermostat. Keep the temperature between 66°-68°, health permitting.
- Set your water heater at 120°.
- Have gas furnaces checked by a professional to prolong the life of your furnace.



- Open your blinds during the day for natural heat from the sun. Close them at night to keep heat in.
- Plug home electronics into power strips; turn power strips off when not in use.

## Keep Our Streets Clear

Please remove portable basketball hoops when not in use.



Please do not rake yard debris out into the gutters; bag it up and throw it away.



Please do NOT leave your trash receptacles in the streets for longer than 12 hours.





### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Whether you're a homeowner landscaping your yard or a contractor digging utility trenches, remember to **ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!**

Underground utilities are buried everywhere.

Excavation in California requires a full 2 working days notice. In addition to your personal safety and the safety of others around you, calling **811** before you dig is about protection of vital buried facilities that supply electric, gas, water, cable and more to our homes, businesses and schools.



## In Case of Emergency

- If you smell gas and can't find the source immediately, go to a neighbor's house and call the gas department at **257-7236** or **911**.
- If the odor is not strong, open the doors and windows for ventilation.
- If the odor IS strong and persists, get everyone out of the house immediately and call **911**.
- Don't use telephones, switch lights on or off, or light a match if you smell gas.
- Don't try to relight a gas furnace, water heater, or range until you are sure there is no more smell of gas.

**SMELL GAS? CALL 911.**

## Natural Gas Safety

### To Prevent Accidents

- Follow manufacturer's instructions with **ALL** appliances.
- Have appliances installed, serviced and repaired by professionals.
- Keep chimney flues and vents for appliances clean and in good condition.
- Keep areas around your gas water heater and furnace clean and free of flammables.

### WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

Although the natural gas delivery system is extremely safe, it is not infallible. Leaks do occur on occasion, but they usually can be detected:



**By Smell** – Because the gas is odorless, a sulfur-based odorant is added to give it a rotten-egg smell that warns of its presence. Be alert for this odorant or any petroleum smell.



**By Sight** – Escaping gas affects the nutrients in soil, so discolored soil or dead vegetation near a pipeline may indicate a leak.



**By Sound** – Natural gas leaks may make a hissing or a high-pitched whistling noise.