

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Call 811 or 1-800-282-7411

Georgia law requires contact with the Utility Protection Center any time you dig or move earth, even on your own property. You must call at least two (2) business days in advance of digging in order that all underground utilities and cable may be located, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous condition. This is a free service to protect you and others in the community. Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake. For more information call 811 or 1-800-282-7411. You can also visit <http://call811.com/>

In our community, the Fort Valley Utility Commission provides natural gas to more than 3,060 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines, typically 2-inch in diameter, branch into household service lines which are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface.

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. Some of the signs of a gas leak include seeing bubbling water, hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, or dirt or dust blowing from the ground, or the smell of rotten eggs.

If you smell gas, or just think you might be smelling gas, leave the area immediately and call your local gas provider at 825-7701 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion.

Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source!

This message is brought to you by the Fort Valley Utility Commission as a public service. To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 478-825-7701, option 3.