CITY OF TALLAPOOSA AT WORK FOR YOU

Over the past 20 years, risk exposure has been rising through increased populations, energy consumption and pipeline miles. At the same time, the number of serous pipeline incidents involving death or injury has declined by 50%.

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. The service lines end at each customer's meter where gas is delivered.

Here are five easy steps to damage prevention:

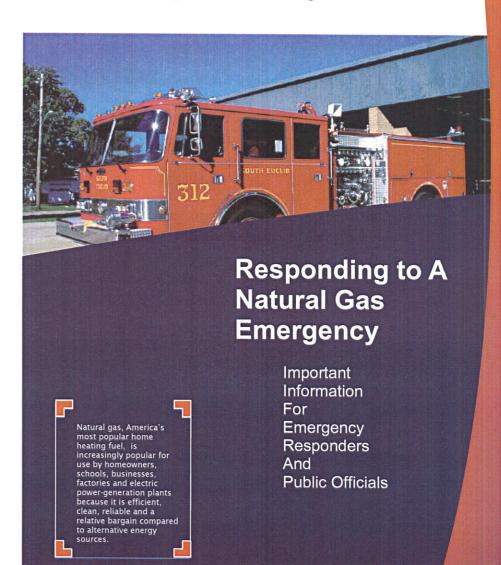
- 1. Survey and Mark Survey the proposed excavation area and mark the dig sites in white paint.
- 2. Call Before You Dig 48 hours prior to digging, call 811 and get free staking of underground utility lines which helps reduce the chance of injury and unneeded expense. It is a law in Georgia.
- 3. Wait! Wait the required time to allow utility owners to locate and mark the lines.
- 4. Respect the Marks! Maintain visibility of the marks and safely follow them when digging.
- 5. Dig Dig with care. Hand excavate within 18-inches of each side of the locate marks. If you plan to dig anywhere near a marked area especially when using mechanized equipment use a shovel and carefully hand dig to expose the lines.

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Natural Gas Pipeline Safety



RECOGNIZING A GAS LEAK

signs of a natural gas emergency will help you react quickly and safely. businesses, schools, churches and other facilities. Knowing the Access the need to evacuate the area including homes

Signs of a natural gas leak;

- Rotten egg smell
- Bubbles in wet or flooded areas
- Flames, if a leak has ignited
- Hissing or blowing sound from pipeline, storage tank or appliance.
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green
- Dirt or dust blowing from the ground

BE SAFE – FIRST RESPONDERS

If you smell gas, or suspect a gas leak... Notify City of Tallapoosa at 770-574-2345.

damaged gas pipelines utility employees should take action to stop the flow of gas from spark & ignition that could result in injury or death. Only trained DO NOT attempt to stop or plug the leak. This may cause a

stop the leak. DO NOT cover a damaged pipeline with dirt in an attempt to

fire is not posing a danger to life or property, let the fire burn. DO NOT attempt to put out a gas fire if ignition occurs. If the

cell phone, without leaving the area first DO NOT turn off vehicles or equipment or use a device like a

- If a leak has been detected, secure the area around the leak with barricades and other control devices.
- the spread but $\underline{DO\ NOT}$ attempt to extinguish the fire If the leak isn't burning, **DO NOT** allow smoking in the area. Determine if the leak has caught fire. If it has, try to prevent
- Direct all traffic away from the area
- Access the need to evacuate the area including homes,

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER; IF YOU ARE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR

Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Responsible

BE SMART – FIRST RESPONDERS

inter and intrastate gas pipelines, plants and other Mapping system (NPMS) that shows the location of responder you have access to the National Pipeline Know where the pipelines are. As an emergency facilities throughout Georgia.





PIPELINE MARKERS

which may vary greatly. do not indicate the exact location or the depth markers placed above ground. These markers Underground pipelines are identified with





