



**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS  
NATURAL GAS SAFETY REMINDERS**

Please remember all gas customers are responsible for gas line maintenance of piping past the meter. This includes all piping after the gas meter servicing the business, residence and/or additional buildings associated with each property. This maintenance requirement is in reference to the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49, Part 192, which includes the following:

- 1) If piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
- 2) Buried gas piping should be:
  - a. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.
  - b. Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.
  - c. When excavating near buried pipe, must be located in advance.
- 3) The operator, plumbing contractors, and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting, and repairing the customer's buried piping.

***If you smell natural gas please notify City of Enumclaw at (360) 825-5541, or after hours call 911.***

Now that spring is here and the warm weather is upon us, we will be enjoying the sun in our yards while planting flowers, installing new fences, or landscaping our property. While you are doing these things, your City of Enumclaw Natural Gas Department would like to remind you to be aware of the buried gas lines running across your yard. A lot of these lines are plastic and can be cut with a shovel. Remember before you dig call toll-free (800) 424-5555 or 811.

***Natural Gas Safety In The Event Of An Earthquake***

Fires and explosions are often more damaging than the earthquake itself. Fire statistics from previous earthquakes and others in the United States over the past four decades indicate gas related fires contribute 20% to 50% of all earthquake related fires.

City of Enumclaw gas utility recommends you shut off your gas immediately after an earthquake if you smell gas. If you are at work or away when an earthquake hits, then you may not be able to get home in time. An earthquake valve will take care of this instantly for you.

An Earthquake valve or seismic valve is an automatic way to shut off the gas supply to your home or business in the event of an earthquake. These are applicable not only to your Enumclaw supplied gas but propane (LPG) as well. These devices should be installed by a licensed contractor and can cost between \$300 and \$500 per meter which should include parts and labor.

With the use of these shut off valves, and their subsequent prevention of after earthquake fires, the fire dept. can better use their personnel in the rescue efforts that are sure to follow.

If you have any questions contact Ed Hawthorne (Gas Utility Manager) (360) 615-5787

***City of Enumclaw Summer Maintenance***

City of Enumclaw Gas Technician will be out performing maintenance on your meter starting in June. Please be sure you have no debris or equipment blocking access to the meter set. The annual maintenance requires the technician to visually inspect and if needed make required adjustments'. We appreciate your assistance.

***CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!  
1-800-424-5555 or 811***