
THE CITY OF WAVELAND

PUBLIC AWARENESS NOTICE

The City of Waveland owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in and around The City of Waveland. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the homes and businesses adjacent to the underground gas pipelines.

The hazards of natural gas are that is:

odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:

- Adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence
- Testing the odorant level each calendar quarter
- Performing annual gas leakage surveys, and conducting periodic pipeline patrols

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:

- A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas)
- A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route
- Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline
- Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas
- A "gas smell" similar to rotten eggs

Safety Procedure:

Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the city immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go to a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the city. With any gas leak protect life first then property, then notify the city.

Excavator Procedure:

Pipeline markers are maintained to inform the public of the gas line location. State and Federal laws require excavators to notify MS One-Call (811) two (2) full working days (excluding weekends and holidays) before digging. If any excavation is planned, you must notify MS One-Call (811) which will notify the city to locate the gas lines. The city maintains membership in the MS One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue call The City of Waveland @ 228-467-9248. After hours dial 228-255-9191 or dial 911. The MS One-Call Center Number is 811. This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public awareness and damage prevention awareness notices.