

Be Safe Around Natural Gas

SAFETY AT HOME

- Read and understand all operating instructions on your gas appliances and know how to shut them off in an emergency.
- Be sure gas appliances are vented to the outside, and are correctly installed and maintained by licensed professionals.
 - Have a service technician inspect the connectors that link your older gas appliances to their gas valve. Flexible metal connectors, especially those made of uncoated brass, can weaken or crack over time, causing a dangerous leak.
 - Anchor your water heater to a wall with metal straps. Anchoring helps prevent it from moving or falling in an earthquake.
 - Follow the California Uniform Plumbing Code when replacing a water heater in a garage. Water heaters must be elevated on a platform 18" (from floor to burner/pilot light) to reduce fire hazards.
 - Call in a service professional if the flame is not blue on your gas range. If the burners aren't lighting, check the pilot lights. If they are out, use a match to light them once all burners are turned off.
- Keep a dry chemical fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen.

GAS SAFETY OUTDOORS

- Store gasoline or paint thinner outdoors and away from gas appliances.
- Before you dig in your yard, driveway or elsewhere on your property, always call Underground Service Alert at (800) 227-2600 to avoid damaging gas lines.



IF YOU SMELL GAS

When you smell gas and can't immediately determine where it's coming from, exit your house with your family and go to a neighbor's to call the City of Palo Alto Utilities at (650) 329-2579 for emergency assistance.

- *Don't use your home or cell phone.*
- *Don't turn on or off any lights, appliances or equipment.*
- *Don't strike a match.*

Who Owns The Gas Lines?

The City owns, and is responsible for, the gas line on your property that goes from the City's main to your home's gas meter. Call us at **(650) 329-2579** if you have any concerns about this pipeline.

You own, and must safely maintain, any gas lines (underground, in crawl spaces, in walls) from your gas meter into your home and out to your yard, pool, hot tub, granny unit, cottage, workshop, or other location on your property. Contact a licensed plumber or heating contractor to periodically inspect all your gas pipelines to combat corrosion and possible leaks over time.

For more information, call us at **(650) 329-2547** or email to cpau@cityofpaloalto.org



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