



City of Deming

Natural Gas Safety Public Awareness Program

THE CITY'S PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT NATURAL GAS SAFETY AND TO AVOID INJURIES OR LOSS OF LIFE AS A RESULT OF NATURAL GAS LEAKS OR DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND PIPELINES.

Important Facts for Natural Gas City Customers and Residents Near City Gas Pipelines



City of Deming Natural Gas System:

- 154 miles of underground piping
- Natural Gas lines are within City Right-of-Way
- City Customers are responsible for Natural Gas lines within private property.

Natural Gas is safe when handled properly:

- Natural Gas is odorless, colorless, and tasteless.

The greatest threat to the Natural Gas System is Damage Caused by Excavation:

- State law requires all individuals planning to excavate to “Call Before You Dig - 811”, at least two days prior to digging.
- The law requires that all underground facilities be hand exposed before excavating with any mechanical equipment.

Leaks can be detected several ways:

- Smell (Pungent odor much like that of Rotten Eggs).
- Dead vegetation or discolored soil, blowing dust or a hissing noise in the area near a gas pipeline.

If a leak is suspected:

- Leave the area immediately.
- Do not operate any electrical or battery-operated devices that could create a spark including cell phones.
- Do not smoke or light a match.
- Report the leak only after leaving the area.

Reporting any suspected gas leak by calling:

- City Hall at (575) 546-8848 during regular business hours.
- 911 – After hours.