

Safety Tips To WEATHER THE STORM



It's more important than ever to have storm safety (and proper energy practices!) nailed down. Here are some basic tips and reminders to help you do just that.

BEFORE A STORM

- Move or secure all loose items (grills, patio furniture, etc.) which can blow into—and cause unnecessary damage—to your home or gas meter
- Do not shut off your gas supply at the meter. If you must evacuate your home or business, leave your gas supply on. (Only authorized utility or emergency personnel should turn your meter valve on or off)

DURING A STORM

- Remain indoors and stay as far away from windows, skylights and glass doors as possible
- In the unlikely event your gas service is interrupted, please do not attempt to turn your gas back on

AFTER A STORM

- Do not operate any gas appliances that you suspect have been flooded or damaged
- In the rare event you lost gas service, be sure to contact your utility company to have a trained technicians safely turn your gas back on. You can also call your utility company to relight your pilot lights and inspect your appliances to ensure they are in proper working condition.
- Do not remove fallen trees or do any digging without calling 8-1-1 to locate your utility lines

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A LEAK

While natural gas and propane are naturally odorless, a “rotten egg” odor is added so you can easily detect a leak. Remember how to recognize a gas leak by using the following three senses:

SMELL!

Stay alert for the distinctive “rotten egg” smell mentioned above.

SEE!

Look out for blowing dirt or bubbling creeks or ponds. Natural gas is lighter than air and rises whereas propane gas is heavier and settles.

HEAR!

Listen for hissing sounds near a gas appliance or line.

IF YOU SMELL GAS...

DO

LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

CALL 911

DO NOT

Try to find or stop the leak

Use a cell phone or telephone until securely outside the location

Smoke, light a match or do anything that may cause a spark that could result in a fire or explosion

Turn on or off any electric switches

Ring the doorbell or open any garage doors