

# What you should know about natural gas?

**N**atural gas safety is easy...  
Just follow your nose!

Keeping children safe is one good reason the natural gas industry has placed an odor in gas. When you “smell” natural gas, it is an additive to alert you to the possible danger of a gas leak.

That distinctive odor, which smells like rotten eggs, is a harmless chemical which is added to natural gas so you can detect even the smallest amount which might escape. It smells bad; but that’s good! Natural gas has no odor of its own. Everyone should be able to recognize the natural gas industry’s built-in safety signal.

## ***Look for the source.***

If you ever detect faint whiffs of this odor, investigate. If possible, “follow your nose” to the source. It may be only a pilot light that’s out, or a burner valve partially turned on – something easily and safely corrected.

If the source of the gas cannot be located or if the odor persists, call **Graham County Utilities** at **(928) 485-2451** or call 911 for assistance.



## ***Don’t light a match or flip a switch!***

If you smell the odor rising intensely, or it seems to be everywhere, call the gas company immediately. If you are indoors, leave the premises immediately. Don’t light a match or switch anything on or off. Then go to the nearest telephone and call us.

An interesting fact is that natural gas is not poisonous. It does not contain carbon monoxide, the cause of so-called “gas poisoning.” However, when burning gas or any fuel, carbon monoxide can be produced by lack of air, improperly working appliances or poor flue conditions. As a basic precaution, be sure that flue connections and

venting are always in perfect working order, unobstructed, and properly fitted.

## ***Gas is a marvelous servant.***

Whether you use it for cooking, to heat water, dry clothes, heat or air-condition your house, natural gas is a marvelous servant, especially when conserved and used properly. Gas is dependable. Natural gas has a safety record that is outstanding, GCU personnel work hard to keep it that way.

Do not hesitate to call GCU at any time, day or night, if you detect the odor which identifies natural gas. Our service personnel are available at **(928) 485-2451** or call 911. Your safety is our first priority.

