

## **Facts about Natural Gas:**

- Colorless
- Combustible
- Lighter than air
- Non-toxic and Non-poisonous

Natural gas is odorless and tasteless, the City of Navasota adds an odorant to the gas so a leak can be detected. Only a small amount of odorant is needed to produce a strong odor in the gas. The odorant evaporates and mixes with the gas, which burns harmlessly when the gas is burned.

## **If You Smell Gas**

Learn to recognize the odor placed in natural gas. If you smell gas near an appliance, a pilot light may be out or a burner valve may be slightly open. Shut off the gas supply at the appliance's valve and allow time for accumulated gas to escape. Follow the relight procedure posted on the appliance. If you continue to smell gas please contact the Navasota Public Works Department Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m from a neighbors phone. After hours and weekends please call the Navasota Police Department Dispatch at 936-825-6410.

While waiting for a service representative to arrive, follow the precautions below:

- Extinguish any open flames, such as candles or cigarettes
- Open the doors and windows
- Do not strike matches
- Do not turn on or off any lights or appliances – leave all electrical switches as they are
- Do not use a telephone or cell phone inside the home
- Report the problem from your neighbor's phone or other location
- Do not stay in the house
- If you suspect a gas leak in your home, leave the home immediately

## **Keep Your Home Safe**

- Keep a (dry chemical) fire extinguisher in the kitchen and be careful not to cook in loose garments that can catch fire.
- Keep the area around your furnace and water heater clean and free from litter.
- Do not store gasoline or paint thinner indoors.
- Do not use or store flammables near gas appliances.
- Keep your heating system air filters clean, or replace them annually before they become clogged with dirt.
- Keep all flues and chimneys clear of debris.
- Keep furnace room air vents open.
- Gas appliances require air to burn efficiently.
- Keep and use a carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Keep phone numbers available for service.
- If the pilot flame on a gas appliance goes out, shut off the gas supply at the appliance's valve and allow time for accumulated gas to escape.
- Follow the relight procedure posted on the appliance.
- If you have any doubts about the relighting procedure, you may need to contact a licensed plumber to relight your appliance.