

Symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Headache
- Drowsiness
- Ringing sensation in the ears
- Nausea
- Blurred vision
- Chest pains
- Light-headedness or dizziness

What to do if You Suspect Carbon Monoxide is Present in Your Home

- Immediately turn off and stop using the suspected gas appliance.
- Seek medical attention if anyone in the home experiences possible carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms.
- Contact a licensed heating contractor or plumber immediately to have the appliance inspected.
- Don't use the suspected gas appliance until it has been inspected, serviced and determined to be safe by a licensed heating contractor.



Appliance Connectors

Make sure your appliance connectors are safe. Older connectors made from brass may crack, break or deteriorate. Even newer connectors made from stainless steel should be replaced every 10 years. Have a qualified HVAC or plumbing professional inspect your gas appliances. Do not attempt to move or inspect natural gas appliances on your own.



City of Savannah Utility Department

140 Main St.
Savannah, TN 38372
Phone: 731-925-4216
Emergency: 911
Fax: 731-925-2967
After Hours: 731-925-4930
Web: www.cityofsavannah.org

City of Savannah Public Awareness

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Natural Gas: Heating Savannah, Naturally



Tel: 731-925-4216

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Natural Gas : What you need to know

Natural gas is a safe, reliable and affordable energy choice, but it should be handled properly and with care. This is why it's important for you to be educated about the properties of natural gas and of the potential hazards if natural gas is released through damaged or leaking pipelines:

Properties of Natural Gas

- ◇ Natural gas is Colorless
- ◇ Natural gas is Odorless
For safety purposes, a compound called mercaptan is added to natural gas to give it the rotten egg smell to make it easily recognizable.
- ◇ Natural gas is Nontoxic
Natural gas is not toxic, however it will displace oxygen. In a confined environment natural gas could significantly reduce the amount of oxygen in the air and create a dangerous environment
- ◇ Natural gas is Flammable
Natural gas will ignite with the proper mixture of air and an ignition source



How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak

A natural gas leak can impact you, even if you don't have natural gas service at your home or business. It's possible for natural gas to migrate into neighboring buildings, including those without natural gas service. Natural gas leaks can be handled quickly and easily if you know what to look for and what to do if you find one. Here's how you can identify a natural gas leak:

SMELL

⇒ Natural gas smells like rotten eggs

LOOK

⇒ Natural gas leaks often cause bubbling water, blowing dirt or dead plants. You may also see sink holes and/or exposed pipe

LISTEN

⇒ Natural gas leaks often cause a hissing sound near a natural gas line or meter

If you smell natural gas or suspect a leak:

- * Leave the area immediately
- * After leaving the area, call the Savannah Utility Department at 731-925-4216 or call 911
- * Call from a neighbor's house or from another location far from the smell of natural gas
- * **DO NOT** use anything electrical that may create a spark; this includes cell phones
- * **DO NOT** operate any light switches
- * **DO NOT** light a match
- * **DO NOT** attempt to locate the source of a leak
- * **DO NOT** attempt to stop a leak
- * **DO NOT** return to the area until Savannah Utility Department or the emergency services have declared the area safe.
- * **DO NOT** attempt to operate pipeline valves yourself. You may inadvertently cause more danger or additional damage
- * **DO NOT attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire**

Call 811 Before You Dig



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This is very important. Whether you are a private homeowner installing a mailbox or a professional contractor digging up a city street, you are required by law to notify your local one-call utility notification center (dial 811 or 1-800-351-1111 48 hours prior to digging.

If you smell natural gas or suspect a leak, call the Savannah Utility Department at 731-925-4216 and emergency 911! Technicians are available 24hrs a day 7 days a week to investigate potential gas leaks.

Protect Yourself Against Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can result as a byproduct of incomplete burning of natural gas or other fossil fuels. Below are ways to protect yourself from Carbon Monoxide

- Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector
- Make sure all gas appliances are installed correctly and checked annually
- Have chimneys cleaned and checked every year for obstructions
- Don't use outdoor appliances or equipment indoors for space heating or cooking

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