

# Iberville Parish Utility Department

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Iberville Parish Utility Department owns and operates the natural gas distribution system in your area and is designed to provide safe reliable energy to its customers. Natural gas, which is most commonly used for cooking and heating but has other uses such as generation of electricity, is colorless, odorless and if accumulated in a confined space, is subject to explosion. To help detect a possible leak, odorant is added to the gas to give it an odor similar to rotten eggs. If you smell gas, leave the area immediately and call the Iberville Parish Utility Department at (225) 687-5152 or 911 immediately.

### How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak

1. A gaseous or hydrocarbon odor
2. A blowing or hissing sound
3. Dust blowing from a hole in the ground
4. Continuous bubbling in one spot in wet or flooded area
5. Dead vegetation (grass, shrubs or trees)
6. Abnormally dry or hardened soil
7. Fire apparently coming from the ground or burning above the ground

### If You Smell Gas

1. If possible, eliminate any source of ignition
2. Do not smoke, use lighters or matches
3. Do not turn off / on any switches or appliances
4. Do not use a phone or cell phone
5. Leave the area and go to a safe location

### Notes:

The Iberville Parish Utility Department does **not** maintain buried piping between the gas meter and the house or business. The customer is responsible for maintaining and repairing this section of gas piping from leakage.

Pipeline markers are maintained along the pipeline right of way to inform the public of the underground gas line location.

State and federal laws require anyone planning to excavate must contact the Louisiana One Call Center at (800)272-3020 or 811 at least (48) hours prior to digging.

Check your gas meter routinely to ensure the area is clear from plants, shrubs or other obstacles. This will allow clear access to your meter for reading, maintenance or in case of emergency.

**\*\*\*REMEMBER\*\*\* CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**  
**1-800-272-3020 OR 811**