

Suspect a natural gas leak?

First, move your feet!

Then call when you're down the street.

KNOW YOUR NATURAL GAS LINGO

Here are some important natural gas words for you to know.

Natural Gas – Created millions of years ago deep inside the earth, natural gas has no smell, color, taste or shape. Natural gas companies add a special chemical that smells like rotten eggs (yuck!) to make it easy for us to detect gas leaking into the air. Natural gas gives us the energy we need to heat our homes, warm water for our baths, wash our clothes and more! Remember, if you EVER smell natural gas at home or school, tell an adult. Leave right away and don't use or touch anything electric on your way out—not even a light switch or telephone.

Fossil Fuel – Like coal and oil, natural gas is known as a fossil fuel because it was formed millions of years ago from the remains (or fossils) of dead animals and plants.

Natural Gas Companies – They make sure natural gas travels safely to homes, schools and businesses. Natural gas companies also add a chemical that gives natural gas its yucky, rotten-egg-like smell.

Natural Gas Leak – When natural gas escapes (or leaks) from a pipe into the air. Natural gas leaks can happen indoors AND outdoors.

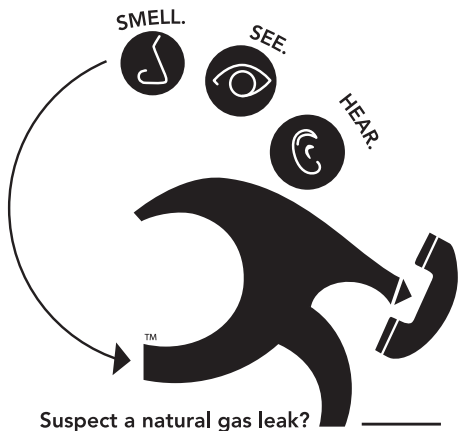
Pipelines – Long, underground tubes that carry natural gas across the country to homes, schools and businesses.

Pipeline Markers – Bright flags or signs that tell you where a natural gas pipeline is located. You can't actually see the pipeline because it's buried underground.

Gas Meter – Before natural gas enters your house, it passes through a gas meter (ask your mom or dad to show you where your gas meter is located). On its face, you'll see many dials with pointers. These dials measure the amount of natural gas your family uses each month.

Senses – Most people are born with five senses. These senses help them see, hear, smell, touch and taste. You can use three of these senses—sight, smell and hearing—to detect a natural gas leak.

Energy – Energy comes in many different forms, like heat and light. We rely on energy every day in millions of ways. For example, we use energy to heat and cool our homes, wash our clothes, cook dinner and drive our cars.



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NATURAL GAS WORD MATCH

Now that you're a natural gas whiz, try to match the words listed below to their correct definition.

Natural Gas

- They make sure natural gas travels safely to homes, schools and businesses. They also add a chemical that gives natural gas its yucky, rotten-egg-like smell.

Fossil Fuels

- When natural gas escapes from a pipe into the air.
- A long, underground tube that carries natural gas to its destination.
- A piece of equipment with many dials that measures how much natural gas your family uses.
- You can use these to detect a natural gas leak.
- Something we use every day, in millions of ways! It comes in many different forms, such as heat and light.

Natural Gas Companies

Natural Gas Leak

Pipelines

Pipeline Markers

Gas Meter

Senses

Energy

- Formed millions of years ago (before dinosaurs!), deep inside the earth, this fossil fuel travels through long pipelines to homes, schools and businesses.
- Coal, oil and natural gas are all types of these.
- A bright flag or sign that tells you where a natural gas pipeline is located.