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## ***GAS LEAKS***

Gas leaks can be very dangerous, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion, so be sure to know the signs of a gas leak and what to do in an emergency. There are three (3) ways in which you can detect a gas leak:

- ▶ **SMELL:** Natural gas is injected with a distinct odor, which many people equate to that of rotten eggs.
- ▶ **SIGHT:** Visible blowing dirt, bubbling water or discolored vegetation near a buried natural gas line.
- ▶ **SOUND:** A hissing or blowing sound near the gas meter or gas appliances.

### **If you suspect that gas is leaking, follow these steps:**

- 1) Exit the building or area immediately, leaving doors and windows open as you exit. Do not open windows if they are not already open. Do not use your telephone or cell phone, operate an appliance, light a match or turn light switches on or off.
- 2) Call your gas company from a neighboring location.
- 3) Wait at the neighboring location until your gas company determines it is safe to return.