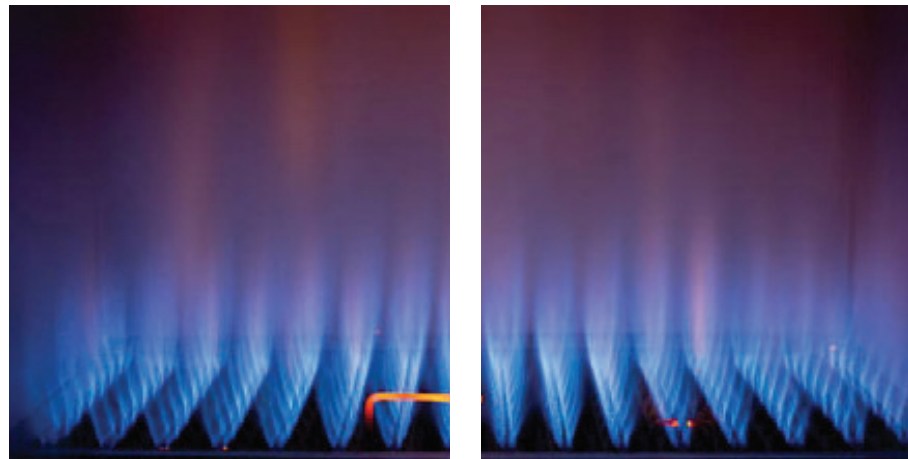


What to Do If You Smell Gas

If you smell a faint odor of gas indoors, look for a burner that's been left on with no flame, or pilot light that's out on a gas range, water heater, or furnace. If you see one, turn the appliance off and ventilate the room to let gas escape. Wait five minutes before relighting the pilot.

Do not use a light switch, candle, flashlight, TV, radio, garage door opener, or even a phone- a spark could ignite the gas and cause an explosion. If you smell gas around the appliances after turning it off and ventilating the room, do not relight it. Leave the house and call Long Beach Energy Resources at (562) 570-2140 from a safe location.

If the gas odor is strong and you think there is a leak, get everyone out of the house immediately. Go to a safe location and call 911 and Long Beach Energy Resources.



Natural Gas Safety at Home



Emergency Contact Number
24-Hour Emergency Line

562-570-2140



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WHEN IN DOUBT- GET OUT!

Do You Know the Basics of Natural Gas Safety?

For gas to burn, it must mix with the proper amount of air and be ignited by a flame or spark. Burning natural gas without enough air produces carbon monoxide, a deadly poison. Pure natural gas is colorless and odorless. A chemical odorant is added that gives natural gas a distinctive, sulfur-like odor.

A faint odor of gas may mean that a burner has been left on, or a pilot light is out. A strong odor means you should leave the home at once and call 911 and Long Beach Energy Resources. Your gas burning equipment should be inspected regularly by a qualified service person. Check vents, flue pipes, connections, and chimney's periodically for rust or blockages.

California requires all single-family homes with natural gas burning appliances, fireplaces or attached garages be equipped with an approved carbon monoxide detectors.

Good Housekeeping Is Safe Housekeeping

Keep the kitchen range clean. Rinse and dry burners before reinstalling. Be careful not to damage or change settings on air shutters or sleeves.

Never use the kitchen range as a space heater. This can damage the range and produce dangerous carbon monoxide gas.

Store gasoline, paint thinner, and aerosol cans safely away from all natural gas appliances.

If the burners on top of your range have a blue flame, they are working correctly. But if the flame looks like a candle flame, is yellow, lazy or leaves soot on the bottom of your pots, your range **MUST** be serviced by a qualified technician.

Teach Natural Gas Safety to Your Family

Let everyone smell natural gas by briefly turning on an unlit burner and then turning it completely off – this is the warning smell of a GAS LEAK. Every adult in your family should know where the shut-off valve is at the meter. This valve should be closed only in the event of a gas emergency in your home.

Teach small children to stay away from the gas range and all gas burning appliances. Don't let children swing from or play with pipes leading to water heaters or ranges. Practice safety drills for getting the family out of the house at night in case of a gas emergency.

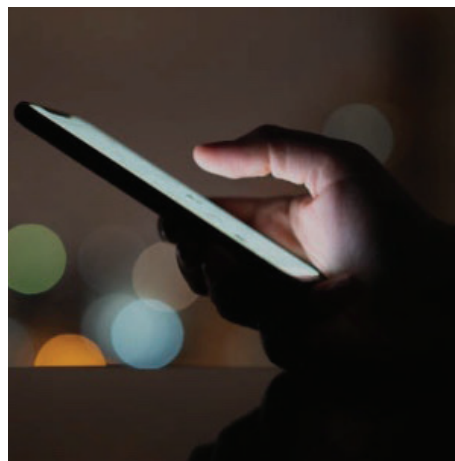
SMART MOVE: Take your family on a guided tour of your home's gasburning appliances.

Never try to locate a leak yourself.

IT COULD BE FATAL.

Call Long Beach Energy Resources.

(562)570-2140



Improper Flame



Proper Flame



Valve Position ON



Valve Position OFF

Natural Gas Safety Rules

To prevent accidents:

1. Follow manufacturers instructions with all appliances.
2. Have your appliances installed, serviced, and repaired by professionals.
3. Keep chimney flues and vents for appliances clean and in good condition.
4. Keep areas around your gas water heater, gas meter and furnace clean and free of flammables.
5. Teach family members what to do if they smell gas.

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety



Use your sense of smell, sight, and hearing to detect a gas leak. Be alert for these warning signs: A smell of sulfur or rotten eggs, a hissing or roaring sound, dirt blowing or spraying into the air, continuous bubbling in water, dead or dying grass or plants for no apparent reason.

If you suspect a gas pipeline leak, do not use electricity or fire as it could ignite the gas. Go far away from the area immediately and report the leak to 911 and Long Beach Energy Resources from a safe location. **DO NOT** go back until safety officials say it is safe.

Know What's Below, Call Before You Dig

If you plan to dig or move earth in any way (even planting a tree) call 811 first. They will make sure buried gas lines and other utilities are marked so you can dig a safe distance away.

Always Call 811
It's Free!

