

## **SAFETY TIP!** from the Department of Environmental Health & Safety

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# What should you do if you suspect a gas leak?

With the cold weather moving in and the increased use of natural gas for heat, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety would like to share these tips with you in the event you suspect a natural gas leak:

## **USE YOUR SENSES**

**Smell:** Natural gas is colorless and odorless. A distinctive, pungent odor, similar to rotten eggs, is added so that you will recognize it quickly. Not all transmission lines are odorized.

**Sight:** You may see a white cloud, mist, fog, or bubbles in standing water or blowing dust. You may also see vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.

**Sound:** You may hear an unusual noise like roaring, hissing or whistling.

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK:**

**Move:** To a safe environment.

**Call:** Public Safety at x3333. Provide the exact location of the suspected leak.

**Do Not:** Assume someone else will report the condition.

**REPORT IT, DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT IT**