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pipes and cables. Contractors, excavators Every year avoidable accidents occur as a can result in personal injury and property and homeowners cause gas leaks, which result of damage to underground utility damage.

## Call 811 Before You Dig

that all underground utilities can be located property must notify Dig Safe (811) at least 3 working days before work is to begin, so Massachusetts law requires that anyone planning to dig on private or public and marked. www.digsafe.com).

# **Emergency Dig Safe Notification**

make the area safe. The Massachusetts Dig There are situations where an emergency demolition of structures is necessary to condition exists and excavation or Safe law states:

emergency, to notify the system (Dig Safe) and commence excavating after having taken all reasonable steps, consistent with the "In an emergency, the excavator may premark the excavation site."

excavation shall not excuse the excavator from the requirement to use all reasonable means to avoid damage to an underground facility." "Circumstances requiring emergency



### Be Our Partner

emergency management directors and crucial partners on our safety team. It's procedures so that we may be prepared Columbia Gas personnel, to be familiar with each other's emergency response important for fire and police officials, for any possible natural gas incident. Columbia Gas service territory are The emergency responders in the

## Natural Gas Safety Training

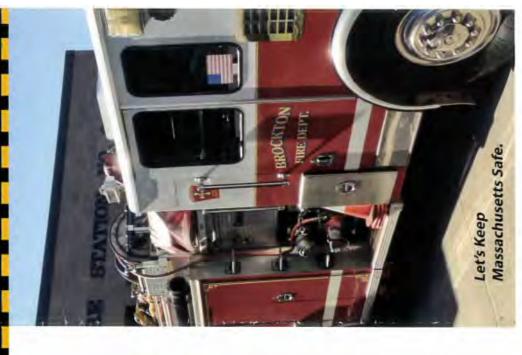
combustion and explosion levels; ignition sources; and safe emergency response to training to emergency responders in our Columbia Gas offers natural gas safety program is available to fire and police service territory. The no-cost training customers; properties of natural gas; of natural gas and how it gets to our departments. Topics include: origin a natural gas incident.

In the event of an emergency 1-800-334-0142

www.ColumbiaGasMA.com Visit us on the web at

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(800-334-0142) to report the location and type of incident (e.g., leak, rupture, fire). Call Columbia Gas immediately

GAS—ALWAYS CONFIRM BEFORE ACTING!!! V Proceed with caution—NEVER ASSUME NO

Secure a safety zone around the emergency site and control access & park emergency vehicles outside the safety zone.

the safety zone—knock on doors, don't ring Evacuate people to a safe distance outside doorbells (possible ignition source). Be aware of the wind direction and possible flammable and/or ignition sources.

Allow Columbia Gas personnel access to the emergency, and preserve the area for post area, work with them to control the incident investigation.

If natural gas is not burning, avoid doing anything that could cause ignition (e.g., turning ights or appliances on or off, ringing a doorbell, using a cell phone).

fires, but **DO NOT** put out a pipeline fire unless X If natural gas is burning, control secondary directed by Columbia Gas personnel.

valves (OK to shut off an accessible meter). X DO NOT attempt to operate any pipeline

without notifying Dig Safe and confirming the X DO NOT demolish a structure or excavate presence of natural gas.

### Natural Gas Meters

and may be located inside or outside a structure. Gas services on high pressure gas mains require Natural gas meters can vary in size and shape, a regulator, low pressure services do not.

### Shut-Off vs. Cut-Off

gas piping to the structure is live. Meter valve is locked and meter may or may not be present. Shut-off - Gas service is discontinued, however

properties known to present a possible threat to capped at the main and meter riser. Mass. State the pipe material. Service lines to abandoned within a certain timeframe depending upon companies to abandon inactive gas services Regulations require natural gas distribution Cut-off - Gas service is physically cut and public safety are abandoned promptly.

## Recognizing Gas Leaks

to underground lines, natural gas leaks due to failures is excavator and homeowner damage While the largest single cause of pipeline corrosion or other causes can occur.

- · Dirt being blown in the air
- Water bubbling or being thrown in the air
  - · Fire coming from the ground or above the ground

### LISTEN

· Hissing, blowing or roaring sound

Pungent odor like rotten eggs



Active Meters - Live Gas



Meters Removed - Live Gas??



Gas or No Gas? DON'T ASSUME!!

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