

# Natural Gas: At Your Service

*This message is brought to you by the Town of Clinton as a public service.*

*To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call (225) 683-5531.*



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

Natural gas is America's most popular home heating fuel – heating more households than all other energy forms combined. In all, 52 percent of all heated U.S. households have natural gas heat. The purpose of this message is to inform the public that the Town of Clinton has buried gas pipelines throughout the gas service area that provide safe reliable energy to its customers.

Natural gas is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources.

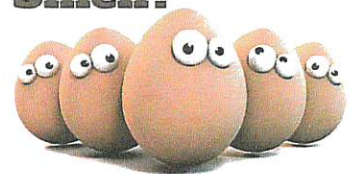
In our community, the Town of Clinton provides natural gas to more than 455 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines branch into household service lines. The pipes are typically made of “caution yellow” plastic or tar-coated steel which helps prevent corrosion. As an industry steel pipes are being replaced with the more durable plastic piping. The main lines are typically 2-inches in diameter and are located roughly two-feet below the surface, while service lines are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface.

That's why it's important to “**Call Before You Dig**” or move earth in any way. Whether you're installing an underground dog fence, running water to an outbuilding or post-hole digging for a new mail box post, underground piping and other utilities can be damaged. When you call **LA One Call at 1-800-272-3020 or 811**, they will locate all buried utility lines on your property, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous safety issue. The Federal Office of Pipeline Safety recorded 48 cases of third-party excavation damage to distribution lines nationwide resulting in more than \$10 million dollars' worth of property damage and four injuries. **Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake.**

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. If you smell gas, or just think you might be smelling gas, leave the area immediately and call your local gas provider at (225) 683-5531 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion.

Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source!

## What Is That Rotten Egg Smell?



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**REMEMBER to  
Call Before You Dig  
1-800-272-3020 or 811**



**IT'S BEST TO BE SAFE:  
If you smell gas - leave the area!  
After you go someplace  
away from the odor, call your  
natural gas -provider,  
The Town of Clinton at  
(225) 683-5531 or dial 911.**

**Call the Town of Clinton  
Public Works Department  
with questions about your  
gas lines.**

**Phone: (225) 683-5531**



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