

VALLEY ENERGY MAY BILL INSERT

NATURAL GAS SAFETY “SCRATCH AND SNIFF” CARD

Natural gas is a marvelous servant

Whether you use it for cooking, to heat your hot water, to dry clothes, heat or air condition your house, natural gas is a marvelous servant, especially when conserved and used properly. Gas is dependable. Natural gas has a safety record that is outstanding. We work constantly to keep it that way.

KEYS TO NATURAL GAS SAFETY:

Leaking natural gas is dangerous. It can cause a fire or explosion. A natural gas leak is indicated by the strong smell of rotten eggs (the chemical mercaptan which is added to natural gas). Here are safety rules to follow if you smell the strong odor of mercaptan.

DON'T –

- Operate anything electrical or light a flame
- Turn on or off lights
- Use the telephone
- Turn on or off the television or radio
- Turn on or off a flashlight
- Turn on the gas range or other gas appliance
- Strike a match
- Open an automatic garage door

DO –

- Exit the building immediately
- Leave the door open on the way out
- Leave the area immediately if you're outside
- Go to another place and call Valley Energy at 570-888-9664 to report the leak
- Stay away until someone from the fire department, the gas company or emergency agency says it's safe to return.

A “SCRATCH AND SNIFF” CARD THAT WILL LET YOU SMELL THE ODOR OF GAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT OUR OFFICE.