

VALLEY ENERGY MAY BILL INSERT

NATURAL GAS SAFETY “SCRATCH & SNIFF” CARD

Natural gas is a marvelous servant

Whether you use it for cooking, to heat your hot water, to dry your 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 appliances
- Strike a match
- Open and automatic garage door

DO -

- Exit the building immediately
- Leave the door open on the way out
- Leave the area immediately if you are 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 is safe to return.

A “SCRATCH & SNIFF” CARD THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO SMELL THE ODOR OF GAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT OUR SAYRE OFFICE OR CALL US AND WE WILL MAIL A CARD TO YOU.

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EXCESS FLOW VALVE

NOTICE



An Excess Flow Valve (EFV) is a mechanical device installed inside a natural gas distribution service line between the street and meter. EFV's are designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks. EFVs are designed so that general usage, such as turning on appliances, will not trip the valve.

EFV's are not installed on service lines that operate at pressures less than 10 psig, or large service lines with high flow rates. Certain other conditions may also prohibit the installation of an EFV.

If an existing service line is not already equipped with an EFV, a customer may request that Valley Energy install an EFV on an existing eligible gas service line, at a mutually agreed date. The cost to install the device is paid by the customer. Costs will vary, however the minimum estimated cost is \$1500. To install the excess flow valve, Valley Energy will excavate the service line at its connection to the gas mainline piping that runs down your street. We will then turn off your gas service line, install the excess flow valve, backfill the excavation and relight your appliances. Under certain conditions we may need to replace your entire gas service at no additional cost.

Since an excess flow valve must be sized to operate properly under current load conditions, any significant load changes that would require a larger meter, such as installing an emergency generator or pool heater, may also require the replacement of the EFV at an additional cost.

Call (570) 888-9664 or (800) 998-4427 to inquire about having an EFV installed on your gas service line.