

The Hawley Public Utilities operates a system of underground natural gas pipelines to provide safe and economical energy to the residents and businesses of our community.

Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available, but in the unlikely event a natural gas leak occurs it can cause a fire or explosion. We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities. This brochure is designed to assist in that effort, providing information on reacting to and reporting suspected gas leaks and on excavation safety. If you have further questions please contact us using the information on the back of this brochure.

### **Important Contact Information:**

Hawley Public Utilities:  
City Hall  
218-483-3331 or  
[www.hawley.govoffice.com](http://www.hawley.govoffice.com)

**After Hours or Emergency:  
218-238-7657 or 911**

Gopher State One Call:  
800-252-1166 or dial 811

**For more information: Hawley  
City Hall**

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Email:

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**Natural Gas Pipeline  
Safety**



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## **Suspected Gas Leaks**

Indications of a possible gas leak include:

- Unusual odor inside or near the pipeline outdoors
- Hissing noise, bubbles in puddles, dirt being blown into the air, or dead or

discolored vegetation near an underground pipeline

- Fire or explosion involving pipeline facilities

## **If You Suspect a Leak:**

- EVACUATE the area immediately-travel upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not reenter until told it is safe to do so
- CALL the gas supplier from a safe location-NOT the building where you smell gas
- DO NOT light a match, operate light switches, appliances, engines, or any other potential sources of ignition
- KEEP other people out of the area until help arrives

**Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous and must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.**

## **Excavation Safety**

Dig-in (excavation) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is **Call Before You Dig**.

**Gopher State One Call** is a free statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own before you start digging. Just call 2 business days before digging and provide the requested information to the operator.

GSOC can be reached at **800-252-1166**.

Remember-Call Before You Dig-it's the law!

