

Use Your Senses to Detect a Natural Gas Leak

Everyone plays a part in natural gas safety, including you. We use technology and equipment to monitor and maintain our natural gas facilities. You also have a set of tools to keep the natural gas system safe. Here's how:



Look

If you see
unexplained dry or
dead vegetation,
blowing dirt or
bubbling puddles in
your yard or around
your meter, this may
indicate a potential
natural gas leak.



Listen

Do you hear a hissing or roaring sound near a pipeline, meter or appliance? This could be an indication of a possible natural gas leak.



Smell

If you smell a strong odor, this could be a warning sign of a possible natural gas leak. An additive called mercaptan is used to give natural gas its distinct rotten-egg smell.

Your Pipeline Responsibility

Kansas Gas Service maintains the pipelines that deliver natural gas to the customer's meter for the primary structure (such as a house or building). However, the customer or homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of any natural gas piping beyond the meter, within the house or running to secondary structures or outdoor appliances (such as natural gas grills, pool heaters, customer-owned distribution networks, etc.).

Customer-owned piping should be periodically inspected for leaks or corrosion and repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered. Inspections and any necessary repairs should be completed by a licensed contractor.



If you notice any of these signs or suspect a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately and avoid doing anything that might create a spark, such as flipping a light switch, using a cellphone or opening your garage door. Warn others to stay away. Once you're in a safe location, call **911** and Kansas Gas Service at **888-482-4950**.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit kansasgasservice.com/safety.











Have a Concern or Complaint?

Understand the Kansas Corporation Commission's Complaint Procedures

Service is one of our Core Values, and it guides how we do business. We strive to provide exceptional service and make continuous improvements to better meet the needs of our customers. However, we understand that there may be times when we fall short of your expectations. If you have a concern or complaint, we invite you first to call us at 800-794-4780.

If there is a concern we cannot resolve, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has informal and formal procedures for resolving complaints. The informal procedure may be initiated by contacting the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection. The formal complaint procedure requires filing and processing under the KCC's administrative rules.

Visit <u>kcc.ks.gov</u> for more information about formal and informal complaint procedures, or contact:

Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

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