

## **NATURAL GAS LEAKS**

Natural gas has no odour and cannot be seen. A chemical agent, mercaptan, is added into natural gas by transmission companies to give it a distinctive smell.

### **How To Detect A Natural Gas Leak**

- **Smell**  
The chemical mercaptan, which is added to the natural gas delivered to your home, smells like rotten eggs or skunk.
- **Sight**  
Natural gas is colourless. However from the ground, a gas leak can be indicated by bubbles in a wet or flooded area, dead vegetation and dust blowing from a hole in the ground where natural gas is escaping.
- **Sound**  
There could be a hissing sound from natural gas escaping from a pipeline or leaky joint.

### **What You Should Do If You Suspect A Natural Gas Leak Inside A Building**

- Evacuate your premises immediately and leave the door open after you leave.
- **DO NOT** use electrical switches, telephones, appliances, garage door openers, matches, or lighters, do not smoke.
- Call Six Nations Natural Gas immediately from a neighbour's house or your cell phone at 519-445-4213.

### **What To Do If You Suspect A Natural Gas Leak Outside**

- Call Six Nations Natural Gas immediately from a neighbour's house or your cell phone at 519-445-4213.
- Keep clear of the area.
- Do not start any motors or motor vehicles near the area of the gas odour.
- Do not use lighters, matches or smoke.