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**Play it safe  
around natural gas**

**Smell Gas. Act Fast.**



**Scratch here  
and smell  
natural gas.**



**In case of gas emergencies:**

**Massachusetts:** 911 and 1-800-233-5325

**New York:**

**Long Island and the Rockaways:**

911 and 1-800-490-0045

**Metro NY:** 911 and 1-718-643-4050

**Upstate NY:** 911 and 1-800-892-2345

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# Natural gas leak safety

Pipelines carry natural gas to homes, schools and businesses. A chemical that smells like sulfur or rotten eggs is added to the gas so you can smell leaks.

## Gas leak warning signs:

- A distinctive, sulfur-like odor\*
- A hissing, whistling or roaring sound
- Dirt blowing into the air from a hole in the ground
- Continuous bubbling in water
- Dead or dying vegetation (in an otherwise moist area) over or near a pipeline
- A damaged connection to a gas appliance
- An exposed pipeline after a fire, flood or other disaster

\*This odor may fade, and not all gas is odorized. So be alert for other warning signs as well.

## What to do if you suspect a gas leak:

- Go far away from the area. Do NOT go back until the safety officials say it is safe.
- Do not use electricity or fire – a phone or match could ignite the gas.
- Report the gas leak to the local natural gas utility and call 911.



**Know what's below.  
811 before you dig.**