

**GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
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In Southeastern Arizona*

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

CUSTOMER OWNED BURIED PIPELINE

Do you own a buried gas line?

Graham County Utilities, Inc. as well as other natural gas companies across the country are required to notify customers that **natural gas piping from the meter to your appliances belongs to the customer**. Customers have always owned this piping but may not have been aware of that. The Department of Transportation (DOT) instructed us to make it clear that this piping belongs to you and is your responsibility to maintain. Gas piping is part of the building, much like your plumbing and electrical systems and you need to maintain it accordingly. Graham County Utilities, Inc. operates and maintains the piping system up to and including the meter set found outside a home or business.

In order to maintain the safest system possible and avoid any potential hazards of corrosion or leakage in this portion of the piping system, Graham County Utilities, Inc. encourages all our customers take these three steps:

Have underground piping:

1. Periodically inspected for leaks.
2. Checked periodically for corrosion. (Rust)
3. Repaired if an unsafe condition is discovered.

As an example, the DOT requires Graham County Utilities, Inc. to check its underground piping every five years. Additionally, it is important to remember to avoid damage when excavating near a buried gas pipe. The pipe should be located in advance and the excavation must be done by hand. You need to call the Arizona Blue Stake Center before doing any excavation. Their toll free Number is 1-800-782-5348. Repairs may be made by the homeowner, a qualified plumber, or a heating/cooling contractor. Contractors may be found in the yellow pages under "Plumbers". We recommend that you obtain several bids for leak detection and repairs to ensure fair pricing.

If you are a tenant, please pass on this information to the property owner.

The highest priority of Graham County Utilities, Inc. is public safety. Working together we can provide the most safe and reliable energy service for everyone. If you have any questions, please call Graham County Utilities, Inc. 928-485-2451.

As always if you ever smell natural gas, or for any gas emergency, contact Graham County Utilities, Inc. at 928-485-2451, any time day or night. We will respond and there is no charge for this service. It is our commitment to provide a safe energy alternative to you our valued customer. Thank you.

Signature

Date