## Natural Gas **Pipelines Are Safe**

The natural gas pipeline network spans the United States and is one of the safest modes of fuel transportation

today. The industry invests millions of dollars each year on research and technology to improve the system.

To keep the network safe, the natural gas pipeline industry complies with a broad regulatory program directed by the United States Department of Transportation's Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration division. These regulations provide safety standards for the design, construction, maintenance, and testing of natural gas pipeline systems.

Pipeline Integrity Management Programs for transmission and distribution pipelines require operators to continually monitor pipeline integrity and perform risk analysis, especially in highly populated areas. Peoples utilizes preventive measures to reduce the risk of pipeline leaks or failures and to ensure the safe delivery of natural gas to homes and businesses in our service area.

For more information, please visit www.peoples-gas.com/pipeline-safety.

# **Avoid Hazards**

## What to Do if a Leak is Suspected

### WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO:

- DO NOT touch, breathe or make any contact with a leak
- DO NOT light a match, turn light switches on or off, use a cell or home phone, or do anything to create a spark
- DO NOT attempt to extinguish any fire
- DO NOT attempt to operate any valves
- · DO NOT open your garage door or attempt to start your vehicle

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- DO leave the home, building and area of the suspected leak, and get to a safe area
- · DO call our emergency hotline, which answers 24-hours a day at 1-800-400-4271
- D0 call 911 to notify police and fire officials
- · DO warn others to stay out of the area



Our emergency personnel are on duty to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you smell a natural gas odor, suspect a leak, or there is an explosion or fire, leave the area immediately and then call us at 1-800-400-4271.

## Ask To See ID

Remember to always ask to see ID when a Peoples service employee visits your home.

In order to give you peace of mind, Peoples requires all of its customer service employees to wear photo identification. If vou don't see it when one of our employees comes to your home, ask for it. Our employees will gladly show you their photo ID.

ALL Peoples employees carry an ID card with their name.

photo and the Peoples logo. Also, look for a vehicle with the Peoples logo. Please contact customer service at 1-800-764-0111 with any questions or concerns.



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1-800-764-0111 Peoples-Gas.com

Individuals with Hearing Loss Call 711 or 1-800-654-5988 TTY# 1-800-654-5984



## **PEOPLES VIEW** January 2022







## **Carbon Monoxide and Safety in Your Home**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and potentially dangerous gas produced when fuel is burned without enough air for complete combustion. In large amounts, CO can cause headaches, unconsciousness, brain damage and even death.

#### **Possible Symptoms When CO is Present:**

Headaches

Nausea

Drowsiness/fatigue

Overall paleness

Irregular breathing

• Very red lips and ears

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO RIGHT AWAY:

- · Open windows and doors
- Move outside
- Call 911 or your local fire department

## **Steps You Can Take to Prevent CO:**

- Have appliances checked annually by a certified heating contractor.
- Make sure your chimney is clean and free of obstructions.
- · Keep air vents for your gas appliances clear.
- Never use a gas oven or stovetop for heating your home.
- Do not use portable charcoal or propane grills indoors.
- Do not run an automobile or gasoline engine in an enclosed space.
- Use properly installed space heaters that are approved by local fire codes.
- Check fireplaces for closed or blocked flues.
- · Periodically check range pilots for carbon build up.
- Use a plug-in carbon monoxide monitor.

If you or someone you know needs help paying their winter gas bills, please dial 1-800-400-WARM (9276) or visit PEOPLES-GAS.COM/HELPMEPAY 2021 - 2022 INCOME GUIDELINES

#### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) **KENTUCKY ONLY** | 150% Federal Poverty Level

### The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

provides grants for customers with limited incomes. LIHEAP is not a loan. It is a government grant applied directly to help pay your Peoples heating bill.

#### Homeowners and Renters May Qualify When:

Household Size*	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$1,610	\$19,320
2	\$2,178	\$26,130
3	\$2,745	\$32,940
4	\$3,313	\$39,750
5	\$3,880	\$46,560
6	\$4,448	\$53,370
7	\$5,015	\$60,180
8	\$5,583	\$66,990
For Each Add'l Person, Add	\$568	\$6,810

#### **DOLLAR ENERGY FUND (DEF)** WEST VIRGINIA ONLY | 200% Federal Poverty Level

Dollar Energy Fund (DEF) provides grants to people with limited incomes who make a good faith payment towards their bills.



### Homeowners and Renters May Qualify When:

\*All members of household regardless of age

## **Keep Your Furnace Healthy**

Keep your furnace performing at its best with an annual furnace check-up.

Have your furnace and other gas appliances inspected by a gualified professional when cold temperatures arrive.

An inspection helps ensure reliable heat and can prevent potential problems.



#### LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP) WEST VIRGINIA ONLY | 60% State Median Income

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a government grant applied directly to help pay your Peoples heating bill. LIEAP is not a loan.

#### Homeowners and Renters May Qualify When:

Household Size*	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$1,931	\$23,172
2	\$2,525	\$30,300
3	\$3,119	\$37,428
4	\$3,713	\$44,556
5	\$4,307	\$51,684
6	\$4,901	\$58,812
7	\$5,495	\$65,940
8	\$6,089	\$73,068
9	\$6,683	\$80,196
10	\$7,277	\$87,324
Household Size*	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
Household Size*		
	Income	Income
1	Income \$2,147	Income \$25,760
1 2	Income \$2,147 \$2,903	Income \$25,760 \$34,840
1 2 3	Income \$2,147 \$2,903 \$3,660	Income \$25,760 \$34,840 \$43,920
1 2 3 4	Income \$2,147 \$2,903 \$3,660 \$4,417	Income \$25,760 \$34,840 \$43,920 \$53,000
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Your contractor should:

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- Test the thermostat.
- · Visually inspect the heat exchanger, motor and vents.
- Lubricate the blower motor.
- Check the flue.
- Check the pilot light, unless your furnace features pilotless ignition.

Also, replace your furnace filters at least three times during each heating season. Keep heat registers and cold-air returns clean and clear of furniture and draperies to help the air flow properly.

