

# GOOD GAS NEWS



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# ARE YOU PREPARED?

September is National Preparedness Month. Are you prepared in the event of an emergency? Consider these tips to help prepare yourself and your family.

## Be prepared to evacuate.

- Identify two meeting places (one close to home, and one located outside of your neighborhood).
- Prepare a “Go Bag” stocked with important items such as a First Aid kit, protein bars, water bottles and a flashlight with batteries.

## Be ready to shelter in place (if directed by emergency authorities).

- Prepare a kit with supplies that will last for at least three days.
- Include in your kit three gallons of drinking water for each person in your household,

nonperishables, a battery operated radio, and personal care items such as soap and toothpaste.

- Shelter in a room of your home without (or with only a few) doors and windows.

To sign up for emergency text and email alerts, get an easy-to-complete family emergency plan, learn how to create an emergency supply kit and look up your neighborhood evacuation routes, visit the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management’s website at [www.phila.gov/ready](http://www.phila.gov/ready)

## Additional safety tips from PGW:

- Natural gas has a rotten egg-like odor. If you think you smell natural gas, leave the area immediately and call (215) 235-1212.
- Call before you dig. Before beginning any project that requires digging, contact PA One Call at 8-1-1. It’s the law.

## We got you covered

As Philadelphia’s natural gas provider, our curb boxes are located throughout the city. If you see a PGW curb box without a cover, call us immediately at (215) 235-1000. We’ll come out with a new cover.



# CHEMISTRY

Natural gas has no odor, so we add the foul-smelling compound, Mercaptan, to alert you to its presence.

**BEING SAFE COMES FIRST.**

**SMELL GAS? 215-235-1212**



## Did you know?

The U.S. has more than 3 million miles of transmission pipeline from coast to coast. And, here in Philadelphia, PGW maintains 6,000 miles of gas mains and service pipes that deliver natural gas directly to homes and businesses.



PGW invests millions of dollars each year to keep that infrastructure safe. You can help keep our system safe, too. If you ever think you smell natural gas, call us immediately at (215) 235-1212.

## Call 811 before you dig

Working on a project that requires digging? **Call 8-1-1** first, or (800) 242-1776 from a number outside Pennsylvania.

This free phone service provided by the State ensures underground utility lines are marked by utilities, preventing damage to service lines and keeping you and your property safe. Remember, **it's the law.**



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

## Sign up for emergency alerts through ReadyNotifyPA

Natural disasters, snow emergencies, ice storms and threats to homeland security can impact you and your family. The faster you know what's happening, the sooner you can take steps to make sure your family stays safe.

The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management encourages you to sign up for ReadyNotifyPA emergency alerts at [www.readynotifypa.org](http://www.readynotifypa.org). Click on Philadelphia County and follow the instructions to sign up.

You can sign up for text or email alerts, or both, for emergencies in Philadelphia and the

four surrounding counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The alerts are free; however, your cell phone plan provider may charge for text messaging.

In Philadelphia, you can also sign up for weather alerts, SEPTA service delays and PennDOT traffic alerts.

