

# MONTEZUMA GAS DEPARTMENT

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TO: Montezuma Natural Gas Customers

RE: Underground Gas Pipe Maintenance  
Call Before You Dig

As your natural gas distributor, Montezuma Municipal Utilities, in accordance with federal regulations, wishes to make you aware of certain safety recommendations regarding your underground natural gas piping.

Montezuma Municipal Utilities operates our gas system with an emphasis on safety. We are required to design, operate and maintain our underground natural gas pipeline in accordance with prescribed federal safety standards. The gas system does not maintain the gas piping that is customer owned, after our meter and regulator. These lines feeding a structure or a gas burning appliance are the responsibility of the customer who owns that piping. If the buried pipe is not properly maintained, it may be subject to corrosion (if the piping is metallic) and/or leakage.

To ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of these lines, the buried piping should be checked periodically. You (or the building owner) are advised to contract a licensed plumber or heating contractor to assist you in locating and inspecting your buried gas piping. If any unsafe condition is discovered, repairs should be made ASAP.

If we can answer any questions regarding this notice, please give us a call at 641-623-2238. Please disregard this notice if you do not have or no longer have buried piping beyond the gas meter.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Should you plan to dig around buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance and all digging should be carefully done by hand in the vicinity of the pipe. Iowa law requires that you call Iowa One Call 811 or at 1-800/292-8989 forty eight (48) hours before any excavation or digging work is scheduled to begin. This free service will notify all utility companies so that any buried lines can be located.



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

Sincerely,

Mike Cox  
Manager

Montezuma Municipal Utilities