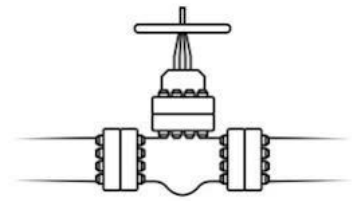


THE RNG PIPELINE-

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Tips for Sealing Air Leaks this Fall

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Replace exterior door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces, and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal or sheetrock and furnace cement caulk.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Inspect dirty spots on any visual insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Replace single-pane windows with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows. See the Windows section for more information.
- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.

Sealing your Fireplace Flue—FROM ENERGY.GOV

Fireplace flues are made from metal, and over time repeated heating and cooling can cause the metal to warp or break, creating a channel for air loss. To seal your flue when not in use, consider an inflatable chimney balloon. Inflatable chimney balloons fit beneath your fireplace flue when not in use, are made from durable plastic, and can be

removed easily and reused hundreds of times. If you forget to remove the balloon before making a fire, the balloon will automatically deflate within seconds of coming into contact with heat. A reasonably capable do-it-yourselfer can create an inexpensive, reusable fireplace flue plug by filling a plastic trash bag with fiberglass batt scraps and jamming it into the flue. Attach a durable cord with a tag that hangs down into the fireplace to (1) remind you the flue is blocked and (2) provide an easy plug removal method. If you want to save money on fireplaces, replace them with an EPA-certified insert, installed by a certified professional. *From: energy.gov*

IF YOU SMELL GAS...

SAFE- Did you know that while natural gas is safe to use in your home, a gas leak could be dangerous?

The RNG natural gas is odorized. RNG delivers odorized natural gas in pipelines ranging in size from 1" to 6". You can recognize a natural gas leak in several ways, including an unusual hissing noise, blowing dirt for no apparent reason, an unusual dry spot in the ground or dead vegetation for no apparent reason, bubbling water, and frozen ground in warm weather.

If you ever smell natural gas inside or outside your home, leave the area immediately! Then from a safe distance, call 911 and then call Raton Natural Gas Company at 575.447.0088.

Community Calendar

From: KRTNRADIO.com

September 2023

Swing Dance Class -For Adults 18+

September 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

October 2023

High Country Meats

BBQ Class

October 14 @ 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Phil Long Ford of Raton Trunk or Treat

October 31 @ 3:00 p.m.—4:30



THE 811 PROCESS



FOR HOMEOWNERS

1 NOTIFY

Notify your local one-call center by calling 811 or making an online request 2-3 days before work begins. [Click here](#) for information about your local one-call center and online service availability. The one-call center will transmit information to affected utility operators.



2 WAIT

Wait 2-3 days (varies by state; please [click here](#) for state law information) for affected utility operators to respond to your request. On average, between 7-8 utility operators are notified for each request.



3 CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the one-call center notified. State laws vary on the process for confirmation; please check with your local one-call center for more information.



4 RESPECT

Respect the marks. The marks provided by the affected utility operators are your guide for the duration of your project. If you are unable to maintain the marks during your project, or the project will continue past your request's expiration date (varies by state), please call 811 to ask for a re-mark.



5 DIG CAREFULLY

Dig carefully. If you can't avoid digging near the marks (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state law), consider moving your project to another part of your yard. If you must dig near the marks or use machinery of any kind, please [click here](#) to read "The 811 Process for Contractors."



For projects that include planting a tree, installing a mailbox or building a deck, among others.



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