

How to Detect a Gas Leak: Essential Tips for Home Safety



Smell



The most obvious sign of a natural gas leak is the smell. We add a harmless substance to natural gas so that it stinks like rotten eggs, making it easier to detect a leak.



Sight



Look for dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area. Soil may be abnormally dry or hardened.

In wet or flooded areas, there may be continuous bubbling.



Sound



Gas leaks often emit a blowing or hissing sound.



Other signs



If a leak has been ignited, there will be flames.



In certain cases, gas leaks will blow dust from a hole in the ground.

Gas leaks can pose serious risks to your health and safety, including fire hazards and natural gas poisoning. Detecting a gas leak early can prevent accidents and ensure the safety of your home and loved ones.

Here are some essential tips to help you identify a gas leak:

1. Recognize the Smell:

Natural gas is odorless, but gas companies add a chemical called mercaptan to give it a distinctive rotten egg or sulfuric smell. If you notice this odor in your home, it could indicate a gas leak.

2. Listen for Hissing Sounds:

A hissing or whistling noise near gas appliances or pipes can be a sign of a gas leak. This sound is caused by gas escaping from a loose connection or a damaged pipe.

3. Look for Visible Signs:

Check for white dust clouds or bubbles in standing water near gas lines. These can indicate a gas leak. Additionally, dead or dying vegetation around gas lines may also be a sign.

4. Use a Soap Solution:

Mix a solution of soap and water and apply it to the suspected area. If you see bubbles forming, it indicates a gas leak. This method is simple and effective for pinpointing the exact location of the leak.

5. Install Gas Detectors:

Carbon monoxide detectors and natural gas alarms can alert you to the presence of gas in your home. Place these detectors near gas appliances and regularly check their functionality.

6. Monitor Physical Symptoms:

Exposure to natural gas can cause symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, and difficulty breathing. If you or your family members experience these symptoms, evacuate your home immediately and seek medical attention.

7. Take Immediate Action:

If you suspect a gas leak, follow these steps: Evacuate your home immediately, opening windows and doors on your way out. **Do not use electrical switches, phones, or anything that could create a spark.** Once you are safely outside, call 911 and your gas company to report the leak.

8. Regular Maintenance:

Regularly inspect and maintain your gas appliances and pipes to prevent leaks. Schedule professional inspections to ensure everything is in good working order.

By following these tips, you can detect gas leaks early and protect your home from potential hazards. Stay vigilant and prioritize safety to keep your household safe.



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RECIPE

Spring Vegetable Risotto

Ingredients

1 cup Arborio rice
4 cups vegetable broth
1 cup dry white wine
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup peas (fresh or frozen)
1 cup baby spinach
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh herbs (like parsley or basil) for garnish



Instructions:

1. Heat the broth: In a saucepan, heat the vegetable broth and keep it warm over low heat.
2. Sauté the vegetables: In a large pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic, and sauté until translucent.
3. Cook the rice: Add the Arborio rice to the pan and stir to coat with the oil. Cook for about 2 minutes until the rice is lightly toasted.
4. Add the wine: Pour in the white wine and stir until it is mostly absorbed by the rice.
5. Add the broth: Begin adding the warm vegetable broth, one ladle at a time, stirring frequently. Wait until the broth is mostly absorbed before adding more. Continue this process until the rice is creamy and cooked through, about 18-20 minutes.
6. Add the vegetables: When the rice is almost done, stir in the asparagus and peas. Cook for a few more minutes until the vegetables are tender.
7. Finish the risotto: Stir in the baby spinach, butter, and Parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
8. Serve: Garnish with fresh herbs and serve immediately.

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Community Calendar

Thermopolis

March BINGO: HSC Senior Citizen Center Bingo. Every Saturday at 6pm, HSC 206 Senior Ave.

March Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class: At the Armory. Kids ages 7+ & Adults FREE. No gear required. For more info, contact Bradyn at 307-921-0089. Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. Kids: 5:30-6:30pm. Adults: 5:30-7pm.

Basin

March 29th Friends of the Basin Library Wild West Cowboy Murder Mystery & BBQ dinner. Harris Hall 5pm. Tickets \$15 per person. Deadline to sign up for 14 roles at the BHC Library: Monday, March 17th. Contact Jennifer 307-431-6297 for tickets.

Shell

March 15th Small Business Expo The Small Business Expo (formerly known as the Home Show) is making its return/debut at the Shell Knob Grade School Auditorium. Come explore products and services available from local and regional businesses! Interested exhibitors can email us at info@shellknob.com, 10am-4pm.

Worland

March Pickleball: Five days a week. Download the app TeamReach and enter the keyword 'Worland' when asked. Then go to the calendar to check location and time. For more info call or text 307-388-0541.

April 23 Agriculture Disaster Training & Emergency Planning Washakie County Emergency Management and Washakie County Conservation District are hosting an Agriculture Disaster Training & Emergency Planning workshop at the Washakie County Fairgrounds, 9am-4pm. This all day workshop is open to producers, law enforcement, partner agencies and citizens of the Big Horn Basin. Space is limited, so please register by contacting Amanda at 307-347-2456, Ext. 101 or emailing her at ccd@rtconnect.net.

Reminder: We use this section for our local communities. The messages must be non-partisan and non-religious. Non-Profit organization messages will be given preference. Please send event info to customerservice@wyogas.com before the 10th of the month to make the following month edition. Thank you.