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Natural Gas is a major source of energy in the United States. About 25% of the energy used in the U.S. in 2012 came from natural gas. Natural gas utilities operate and maintain more than 2.1 million miles of safe, efficient underground pipes – an energy delivery system that is the envy of the world. In Indiana, 40 natural gas utilities safely deliver natural gas via 49,200 miles of pipeline. About 60% of Hoosier homes are heated by natural gas (compared to the U.S. average of 48.3%). Eight percent of Indiana's electricity is generated by natural gas.

Is Natural gas more affordable in Indiana than in other parts of the country?

YES. Natural gas prices also fall below the national average. Residential natural gas prices were \$13.63 per thousand cubic feet in Indiana vs. \$16.29 per thousand cubic feet for the U.S. average in September 2014. Natural gas pricing is forecasted to remain stable over the upcoming years.*

**indianaenergy.org/natural-gas-basics.html*

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Even though your household uses natural gas, your neighbors might not. Their homes could be all electric or have propane appliances. But, since natural gas pipelines can be buried anywhere; including under streets, alleys and roads, everyone needs to be aware of natural gas safety.

Do your part and tell your neighbors to learn about natural gas safety at seingas.net. And remember; if you ever smell gas in the area, leave and from a safe place call 911 and Fountaintown Gas Co., Inc. immediately night or day.

HELP STOP UTILITY THIEVES

Fountaintown Gas Co., Inc. is committed to ensuring the safety of our customers and the communities we serve. Theft of any energy puts everyone at risk and can result in personal injury and/or damage.

"Theft of service" means tampering with or bypassing a meter in order to receive utility service free of charge. When people steal service from a utility, they are stealing from every other customer, because theft of service leads to increased rates and fees.

"Theft of service" is a crime and the authorities will be notified by Fountaintown Gas Co., Inc. when theft is discovered.

If you suspect someone is stealing utility service, please call us at (765)763-6393 to report it. Your call is strictly confidential.

What do these flags mean and why are they important? The colored flags and paint markings that you may see on your property or in your neighborhood are put on the ground by your local utility companies in order to alert excavators and project planners of the approximate location of buried utility lines.

Prior to any excavation project, Indiana State Law requires a call to 811 at least two full working days prior to beginning any project. Once this call is made, 811 sends a locate request ticket to each member utility in the area of the project. These utilities then respond and place colored paint and flags on the ground to let the excavator know the approximate location of their lines. This helps the excavators to avoid damaging buried utility lines; such as our natural gas lines.

Please leave all flags and markings alone; doing so will help excavators dig safely, and may prevent an emergency situation which could endanger you, your neighbors, utility employees, and first responders. In addition to being the safe thing to do, leaving markings alone is the law! Removing these markings can result in a \$10,000 fine.

If you ever have a question about markings, please contact the appropriate utility. And if you see anyone digging and don't see markings, please call 811 and Fountaintown Gas Co., Inc.

