Sewer Work Safeguards

Natural gas utilities have discovered locations where natural gas pipes were unintentionally installed through sewer pipes. To avoid a gas leak, please take immediate action if you encounter any of the following signs when you clean out a sewer line with a rooter device:

- A natural gas odor at the cleanout or inside the building served by the sewer line, even if it’s faint or momentary.
- Bubbles rising through standing water or in the toilet bowl.

If these signs are present, stop what you’re doing, and:

- Exit the area or building immediately. Tell others to evacuate and leave doors open.
- From a safe place, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 877-860-6020 immediately, day or night. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don’t use an automated door or turn on or off any electric switches, thermostats or appliance controls.
- Don’t smoke or use lighters or matches.

Call before you clear - Know what’s inside:

If you begin clearing a sewer pipe and sense or see, but haven’t penetrated, an obstruction in the pipe, call Southwest Gas at 877-860-6020 and press 9 for immediate assistance. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible to ensure that a gas pipe hasn’t been damaged. There’s no charge for this service.

Flush With Care

Prevent clogging and damage to internal plumbing and sewer pipes by making sure to flush only toilet paper. Dispose of all other non-flushable items in the trash.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 877-860-6020