

EMERGENCY TIP OF THE MONTH – March **Shutting off Gas in an Emergency**

Gas leaks and explosions are responsible for a significant number of fires following disasters. It is vital that all household members know how to shut off propane gas.

There can be different gas shut-off procedures so it is important to **contact your local gas company for any guidance on preparations and response regarding gas appliances and gas service to your home.**



Find out in advance what your home requires before an emergency.

When you learn the proper shut-off procedure for your gas, **share the information with everyone in your household.** Be sure not to actually turn off the gas when practicing the proper gas shut-off procedures.

If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out quickly. Turn off the gas, using the outside main valve, if you can, and **call the gas company** from a neighbor's home.

Caution: If you turn off the gas for any reason, a qualified professional must turn it back on. NEVER attempt to turn the gas back on yourself.

****MAKE TIME and GET STARTED TODAY! You will be glad you did.****

For more information on Emergency Preparedness:

<http://preparesocal.org/tips-tools/make-a-plan#sthash.sckpgLMt.dpuf>

or

<http://www.ready.gov/>

Past Tips of the month can be found on SharePoint:

<http://web1/admin/disasterprep/default.aspx?RootFolder=%2fadmin%2fdisasterprep%2fShared%20Documents%2fEmergency%20Tips%20of%20the%20Month&FolderCTID=%26View=%7b357D29CD%2dE04%2d49E3%2d9876%2d59B38B8DDC60%7d>

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