

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CUSTOMER'S REGARDING BURIED NATURAL GAS PIPING:**

This notice is being provided in accordance with Rule 49 CFR 192.616 of the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT Rule")

In accordance with the DOT Rule listed above, the City of Auburn is hereby giving notice to all customers who have buried natural gas piping that is not maintained by the City of Auburn gas department) of the following information:

1. If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
2. Buried gas piping should be:
  - a. Periodically inspected for leaks,
  - b. Periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic, and
  - c. Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.
3. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance and excavation done by hand.
4. Plumbers and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting and repairing the customer's buried piping.

For your guidance in determining whether this notice applies to you, please be informed that in most cases the City of Auburn maintains buried gas piping from the main (generally located near the street curb) up to the gas meter on the customer's premises. In addition, if the piping leaving the meter up to the principal gas utilization equipment is above the ground when entering the customer's premises, this rule does not apply.

However, any customer that has any gas lines (secondary lines) that branch off of the principal gas line and goes underground, such as to a garage, BBQ grill, pool, etc., the above listed precautions should be noted.

If you are uncertain as to whether this notice applies to you, please contact the City of Auburn Gas Department at (217) 438-6151.