

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

DID YOU KNOW?

WHEN ARE BATS MOST ACTIVE?

Early fall is the busiest time for bats. Bat pups have just begun to fly, seeking food on their own. Because bats are insectivores, this time of the year also offers ample opportunity for these creatures to get out and find plenty to eat. As nocturnal animals, you'll typically see them out in droves after the sun has gone down.

Learning about bats and rabies

Most bats don't have rabies. Just looking at a bat, you can't tell if it has rabies. Rabies can only be confirmed in a laboratory. Any bat that is active by day or found in a place where bats are not usually seen, like in your home or on your lawn, might be rabid. Also, a bat that is unable to fly and easily approached could very well be sick.

Rabies is a fatal disease. Each year, tens of thousands of people are successfully protected from developing rabies through vaccination after being bitten by an animal like a bat that may have rabies. The most common way for people to get rabies in the United States is through contact with a bat. Awareness of the facts about bats and rabies can help people

protect themselves, their families, and their pets. Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for children to learn. Wash any wound from an animal thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately. Prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces where they might contact people and pets.

If you think a bat has bitten your pet, contact a veterinarian or your health department for assistance immediately and have the bat tested for rabies. Remember to keep vaccinations current for cats, dogs, and other animals.

**For information and concerns, call 830-931-2222 or call
DHS Region 8 Zoonosis Control at 210-949-2000
or 210-949-2121.**



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Events and Updates

Macramé Workshop at the Castroville Library

Learn to make your own gorgeous plant pot holder in this macramé workshop! This class is beginner-level with no prior experience needed! Unfortunately, ONLY 15 slots are available. So come into the library to reserve your spot today!

Castroville Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN HISTORIC CASTROVILLE FOR THE 38TH ANNUAL

OLD FASHION Christmas
ON HOUSTON SQUARE

DECEMBER 3-4, 2021
Friday 6p - 10p Saturday 9a-4p

Join us for the largest craft show in Medina County!
Over 200 vendors will feature crafts, wood work, jewelry, candles, food and so much more!

Visit with Santa, enjoy the entertainment and shopping, and let your children's imagination run wild in the Kid's Area.

Accepting applications from vendors.
For more information call 830-538-3142

Parks Master Plan Update

We are excited to announce that we are coming to the end of our journey on developing our Parks Master Plan. Pending our steering committees review, we plan to bring the final draft to City Council in December 2021 for consideration and adoption. This plan will address our parks and recreation future for the next ten years.

Plans for the Future:

Lions Park- Playground, New Bathrooms, Splash Pad
Regional Park- Sports Lighting, Basketball Court Renovations
September Square- Landscape lighting improvements

Holiday in Regional Park!

This year will mark our second year for Holiday in the Park. Set up is allowed starting Nov 30th.
Scan the link to sign up.

For questions or concerns, call 830-931-1639



PUBLIC WORKS AFTER HOURS ANSWERING SERVICE:
DIAL 830-931-4090

City Council & Board Meetings

City Council

- Mayor - Darrin Schroeder
210.232.4737
- District 1 – Sheena Martinez
830.931.1328
- District 2 – Paul Carey
210.710.4861
- District 3 – Phil King
210.355.6546
- District 4-Todd Tschirhart
210.413.7008
- District 5- Herb Dyer

City Council at 5:00 pm

November	9th, 2021
November	23rd CANCELLED
December	14th, 2021
December	28th CANCELLED
*City Hall	
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month	

Airport at 5:00 pm

December	6th, 2021
*Airport	
1st Monday of the month	

Historic Landmark

Commission at 6:30 pm

November	16th, 2021
*City Hall	
3rd Tuesday of each month	

Library Advisory at 6:30 pm

November	10th, 2021
December	TBD
*Library	
2nd Wednesday of the month	

Parks at 6:30 pm

November	16th, 2021
December	21st, 2021
*Park	
3rd Tuesday of each month	

Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm

November	10th, 2021
*City Hall	
2nd Wednesday of the month	

Meeting dates and times may change. *Check the city's website for up-to-date information.

All City offices will be closed November 11, 2021

Committed to Your Safety

For gas emergencies call 830-931-4090 and 911



Protecting Our Communities with Your Help

The City of Castroville pipelines provide natural gas safely and reliably to our customers through our partnership with CPS Energy, who provides operation and maintenance services for our community. Their safety initiatives to protect our customers include:

- We continually test, inspect, repair and improve our pipelines, and monitor them 24/7 for potential natural gas leaks.
- We work with emergency responders to train and prepare them to respond to natural gas emergencies.
- We educate excavators and the public about digging safely near gas pipelines, and we provide gas safety education programs to local schools.
- We identify and manage risks to our pipelines, especially those in high-consequence areas.
- We have an Integrity Management Program (IMP), in accordance with rules established by the U.S. Department of Transportation and state regulatory agencies, to improve the safety of our high-pressure transmission pipelines.

Despite our efforts, natural gas leaks may occur that could lead to fires or explosions. We need everyone's help to prevent pipeline damage and reduce the risk of dangerous leaks.

Dig Safely to Protect Your Community

If you have a project that involves digging, be sure to first **call 811** to locate natural gas pipelines and other utility lines at no cost to you. You must allow at least **two full business days** (excluding weekends and legal holidays) for a team to come to your property and mark utility lines before you start digging. It's the law!



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Special digging rules apply within the "tolerance zone," which is 18 inches on each side of a utility line, plus half the diameter of the line measured from the edge of the line. If you must dig within this zone, hand dig only using non-mechanized tools or equipment, soft digging or vacuum excavation.

Call Castroville Public Works 830-931-4090 if you make ANY contact with a natural gas line, even if you just nick the pipeline or damage its coating. If gas is escaping, federal code requires that you call **911** as well. Remember to also notify 811 within one hour of contacting a natural gas line, even if no gas is released.

Locate Major Pipelines Near You

Look for pipeline markers at road crossings, fence lines and street intersections. These high-visibility markers indicate the general location of our natural gas transmission pipelines and some distribution lines. If you suspect a natural gas leak or any suspicious activity near a pipeline marker, immediately call the 24-hour emergency phone number listed on the marker.



Natural gas pipeline markers are placed near pipelines, but not necessarily directly on top of them. Never use these markers or maps as a substitute for calling 811 to have all utility lines in your dig area located and marked.



You can also find high-pressure transmission pipelines and the name(s) of the pipeline operator(s) near you through the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) at <https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov>.

Gas Leaks: Recognize, React, Report

1. RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF A GAS LEAK:

- **Smell** – A distinctive, sulfur-like odor. Not all gas is odorized, so do not rely on your nose alone to detect a leak.
- **Sight** – Continuous bubbling in water outdoors, dirt spraying or blowing into the air, or dead/dying vegetation in an otherwise moist area. Gas pipelines exposed by earthquakes, fires or floods may also be a source of leaks.
- **Sound** – Hissing, roaring or whistling noises coming from the ground or gas equipment.

2. REACT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK

Assume there's a danger. Warn others and leave the area quickly. **Do NOT** light a match or use electrical appliances, including light switches, garage door openers, doorbells, radios, TVs or any phone. These items can ignite natural gas.

3. REPORT THE LEAK TO CPS ENERGY AND 911

From a safe location, call Castroville's gas emergency number at **830-931-4090** and dial **911**. **Do NOT** assume someone else will report the leak. **Stay far away** from the leak area until our personnel say it is safe to return.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Cannot Be Seen or Smelled

CO is produced by exhaust from improperly maintained or incorrectly vented natural gas-fueled appliances. Exposure symptoms include severe headache or nausea, fatigue, dizziness or feeling faint. If you or someone in your home has these symptoms:

- Get out of your home immediately.
- Call City of Castroville Public Works at 830-931-4090
- Call the fire department at 911.

Learn More

For additional safety information concerning Public Awareness and Damage Prevention, please visit cpsenergy.com/safety. You may also obtain additional information through the following organizations:

- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration: primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/GeneralPublic.htm
- Pipeline and Informed Planning Alliance: primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/pipa/pipa_resources.htm
- Railroad Commission of Texas: rrc.state.tx.us

Comprometidos con su seguridad

En caso de emergencias de gas, llame al 830-931-4090 y al 911

Protegemos nuestras comunidades con su ayuda

Los gasoductos de la Ciudad de Castroville proporcionan gas natural de manera segura y confiable a nuestros clientes a través de nuestra asociación con CPS Energy, que brinda servicios de operación y mantenimiento para nuestra comunidad. Sus iniciativas de seguridad para proteger a nuestros clientes incluyen:

- Realizamos pruebas, inspecciones, reparaciones y mejoras continuas a nuestras tuberías, y las monitoreamos las 24 horas del día para detectar posibles fugas de gas natural.
- Trabajamos con equipos de respuesta a emergencias y los entrenamos y preparamos para actuar ante una emergencia de gas natural.
- Explicamos cómo excavar sin riesgos cerca de tuberías de gas a excavadores y al público en general, y brindamos programas de seguridad con el gas a las escuelas locales.
- Identificamos y administramos los riesgos de nuestras tuberías, en especial las ubicadas en las áreas de altas consecuencias.
- Elaboramos un Programa de Gestión de Integridad (IMP), de conformidad con las normas establecidas por el Departamento de Transporte de los EE.UU. y las agencias regulatorias del estado, para mejorar la seguridad de nuestras tuberías de transmisión de alta presión.

A pesar de nuestros innumerables esfuerzos, las fugas de gas natural son una posibilidad y podrían provocar incendios o explosiones. Necesitamos la ayuda de todos para prevenir los daños a las tuberías y reducir el riesgo de fugas peligrosas.

Excave de manera segura para proteger a su comunidad

Si tiene un proyecto para el cual se requiere excavar, asegúrese de **llamar al 811** antes de comenzar la obra para que determinen la ubicación de las tuberías de gas natural y otras instalaciones sin cargo para usted. Debe esperar como mínimo **dos días hábiles completos** (sin incluir fines de semana y asuettos legales) para que un equipo visite su propiedad y marque las instalaciones antes de comenzar a excavar. Es obligatorio por ley.



Determine lo que está bajo tierra.
Llama antes de excava

Hay reglas especiales que deben seguirse dentro de la "zona de tolerancia", es decir, dentro de las 18 pulgadas a cada lado de la instalación de servicio público, más la mitad de su diámetro medido desde el borde de la instalación. Si debe excavar dentro de esta zona, hágalo a mano únicamente, usando herramientas o equipos no mecanizados, excavación blanda o excavación por succión (vacío).

Llame al Castroville Public Works 830-931-4090 si tiene CUALQUIER contacto con una tubería de gas natural, incluso si simplemente mella la tubería o daña el recubrimiento. Si hay un escape de gas, el código federal exige llamar también al 911. Recuerde que también debe avisar al 811 dentro de la hora del contacto con la tubería de gas natural, incluso si no se produce pérdida de gas.

Identifique las principales tuberías cercanas

Observe si hay marcadores de tuberías en los cruces peatonales, líneas de las cercas e intersecciones. Estos marcadores muy visibles indican la ubicación general de nuestras tuberías de transmisión de gas natural y de algunas tuberías de distribución. Si sospecha que hay una fuga de gas natural o alguna actividad sospechosa cerca de un marcador de tubería, llame de inmediato al número de teléfono de emergencias disponible las 24 horas que aparece en el marcador.



Los marcadores de las tuberías de gas natural se colocan cerca de las tuberías, aunque no directamente sobre ellas. Nunca utilice estos marcadores o mapas en lugar de llamar al 811 para que ubiquen y marquen las instalaciones de servicios dentro del área de excavación.



También puede buscar las tuberías de transmisión de alta presión y el nombre de los operadores de las tuberías próximas a usted a través del National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) en <https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov>.

Fugas de gas: Reconocer, Reaccionar, Reportar

1. RECONOZA LAS SEÑALES DE FUGAS DE GAS:

- **Olor:** un olor característico similar al azufre. El gas no siempre está odorizado, por lo tanto, no confíe solo en su olfato para detectar las fugas.
- **Vista:** Burbujeo continuo en el agua al aire libre, polvo que se levanta y vuela por el aire o vegetación seca/muerta en una zona normalmente húmeda. Las tuberías de gas expuestas por terremotos, incendios o inundaciones también pueden ser una fuente de pérdida de gas.
- **Sonido:** Un siseo, rugido o silbido proveniente de la tierra o del equipo de gas.

2. REACCIONE DE INMEDIATO SI SOSPECHA QUE HAY UNA FUGA

Suponga que existe peligro. Advierta a los demás y alejese del lugar rápidamente. **NO** encienda un fósforo (cerillo) ni use aparatos eléctricos, como llaves de luz, controles para abrir el portón del garaje, timbres, radios, televisores o teléfonos. Estos artículos podrían encender el gas natural.

3. REPORTE LA FUGA A CPS ENERGY Y AL 911

Desde un lugar seguro, llame al número para emergencias de gas de Castroville al **830-931-4090** y llame al **911**. **NO** suponga que otra persona se encargará de reportar la fuga. **Manténgase alejado del lugar** hasta que nuestro personal le indique que es seguro regresar.

El monóxido de carbono (CO) no se ve ni se huele

El CO se produce por la combustión deficiente de artefactos a gas que no tienen un mantenimiento adecuado o una buena ventilación. Los síntomas por exposición al CO son fuerte dolor de cabeza o náuseas, fatiga, mareos o sensación de desmayo. Si usted o alguien de su casa tiene estos síntomas:

- Salga de su casa de inmediato.
- Llame a la Ciudad de Castroville Public Works al 830-931-4090.
- Llame al departamento de bomberos al 911.

Más información

Para obtener más información de seguridad sobre Concientización del Pùblico y Prevención de Daños, visite cpsenergy.com/safety. También puede obtener más información a través de las siguientes organizaciones:

- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration: primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/GeneralPublic.htm
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