

If you smell natural gas, tell 911 and Columbia Gas

Natural gas is colorless and odorless. We add an odorant called mercaptan to natural gas, which gives it a distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs. You can use your senses to detect natural gas.

- **See** – Blowing dirt, bubbling water or dead vegetation
- **Smell** – Smelling rotten eggs, sulfur or petroleum
- **Hear** – Hearing a hissing or roaring sound

If you see, smell or hear natural gas:

- **Stop what you're doing.** Don't light a match or operate anything that could cause a spark. Don't open the windows.
- **Leave the area immediately.** If you're inside, get out immediately. If you're outside, leave the area quickly.
- **Call 911 and Columbia Gas at 1-888-460-4332.** From a safe location, aware from the building, call and wait for crews to arrive.

For more information, visit
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Be Alert to Carbon Monoxide

We care about your safety, and it's important for you to know the risks of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, non-corrosive gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, natural gas, propane or oil) burn incompletely. If you think you have carbon monoxide buildup in your home or business, go outside immediately and call 911.

Know the symptoms

- Headaches
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Irregular breathing
- Nausea
- Feeling ill or tired at home, but fine when away from home

Stay safe with these tips

- Install carbon monoxide detectors; some models double as smoke detectors
- Have qualified professionals service your appliances
- Provide adequate ventilation in your home when using stoves, fireplaces or unvented space heaters
- Don't burn charcoal or run a generator indoors or in an enclosed space
- Clean your chimney and check for blockage
- Open the garage door before starting your vehicle

For more information on carbon monoxide safety,
visit [cdc.gov/co](https://www.cdc.gov/co).

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