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CARING FOR COMMUNITIES

Walk MS in Wyoming

The national Walk MS Web site invites us to "Walk to create a world free of MS." Walk MS events will be held in Evanston and Rock Springs on Saturday, April 24. If you'd like to join thousands of others in walking to find a cure for multiple sclerosis, visit <http://walkwyy.nationalmssociety.org>.



ROCK SPRINGS WALK

Saturday, April 24, 2010
Rocky Mountain Realty
(Next to the City Museum)

For more information or to register to walk, call Lori Birt, 307-433-9559 or e-mail lori.birt@nmss.org

EVANSTON WALK

Saturday, April 24, 2010
Bear River Community Center

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Pipelines: an enviable record of safety, reliability

America's pipeline industry maintains an enviable record of safety and reliability. However, despite strict regulatory oversight and the conscientious efforts of companies like Questar Gas, hazards do exist and emergencies, though infrequent, can occur. Statistics show that the leading cause of pipeline damage is third parties (construction contractors, property owners, excavators, etc.) digging near buried pipelines.

How to identify an outside gas leak

The following signs may indicate a natural gas pipeline leak or failure:



*A "rotten egg" odor



Hissing, roaring or blowing sound



Dirt being blown into the air



Water being blown into the air at a pond, river or creek



Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas



Fire at or near exposed piping



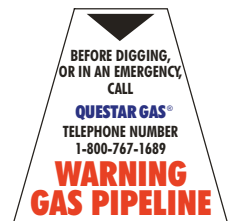
Flames apparently emanating from the ground



Dead or brown vegetation in an otherwise moist or green field

From a safe place, see if you can spot a pipeline marker like this and call the emergency number or 911 to report a leak or other natural gas emergency.

**(Note: In its natural state, natural gas is odorless, colorless and non-toxic. Local utilities such as Questar Gas add a non-toxic chemical odorant called mercaptan to gas supplies to make leaks easier to smell. However, there may be times when the smell of odorant is weak or not present, even though there is a leak. If you suspect a leak for any reason, get to a safe place immediately and call the emergency number or 911. Call 1-800-323-5517 for a free scratch-and-sniff odorant brochure if you don't know the smell.)*



APRIL 1 IS NATIONAL CENSUS DAY

By now you should have received your 2010 Census Form in the mail. The Census is required by the U.S. Constitution, and is intended to count residents, regardless of citizenship. The resulting data will help determine which communities will benefit from more than \$400 billion in annual federal funding for hospitals, job-training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public-works projects and emergency services. And, this data will help determine which states may qualify for additional seats in the U. S. House of Representatives.

April 1, 2010, has been designated as "National Census Day." Use that date as a point of reference ("as of" date) for answering the ten questions on the 2010 Census form. Complete your form and return it in the postage-paid envelope (the form is not available online). The Census Bureau assures participants that their identity and citizenship information is secure and that personal information including addresses, Social Security numbers and telephone numbers will not be released for any reason.

Households that don't send in a completed form may receive a visit from a Census employee. Census results will be delivered to the federal government in December 2010.

For more information, visit <http://www.2010census.gov/>.

Es Fácil, Es Importante, Es Seguro (re-printed courtesy of DPR Communications)

El Censo: Datos Importantes

¿Qué es? El Censo es un conteo de todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos.

¿Para quién? Toda persona que vive en los Estados Unidos tiene que ser contada; personas de todas las razas y grupos étnicos, tanto ciudadanos como no ciudadanos.

¿Cuándo es? Usted recibirá su cuestionario en marzo del 2010, ya sea por correo o por entrega personal. Un empleado del Censo podría visitar las residencias que no participen por correo para ayudar a completar el Censo.

¿Por qué? La Constitución de los Estados Unidos requiere un censo nacional cada 10 años para contar la población y determinar la cantidad de espacios que cada estado tendrá en la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos.

¿Cómo se utilizan los datos del Censo? Los datos del Censo ayudan a determinar la asignación de fondos federales para servicios comunitarios como: programas de comidas escolares, centros para personas de edad avanzada, construcción de nuevas carreteras, hospitales, escuelas y proyectos de vivienda.

El Censo es confidencial Por ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede compartir las respuestas del cuestionario del Censo con nadie, ni siquiera con otras agencias federales y entidades policiales y del orden público.

WARNING! Call 811 before you dig

April is National Safe Digging Month, celebrating the 3rd anniversary of the national 811 "call before you dig" number, and dedicated to increasing public awareness of safe digging practices across the country. If you're planning an outdoor project that involves digging holes or trenches in your yard, remember to call 811 at least two business days before you dig, grade or excavate. The national 811 number will connect you with your local line-location center.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

After receiving your call, each participating utility will send a representative to mark its line locations for FREE. After calling, wait two full business days (48 hours) to be sure all lines are marked and you understand where you can dig.

Knowing where buried lines are located may protect you from injuries caused by accidentally hitting a gas, electric, cable, telephone, fiber-optic or other buried line. It can spare you repair costs, as well. And it's the law.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU DAMAGE A GAS LINE OR COME ACROSS A LEAKING LINE

If you damage a gas line or discover natural gas escaping from a broken or leaking line, follow these steps:

- Turn off all machinery and vehicles and eliminate other ignition sources such as open flames, electrical switches, telephones and cell phones.
- Evacuate everyone from the area.
- Do not attempt to make repairs or operate any pipeline valves.
- Do not attempt to extinguish any fires.
- From a safe place, call 911 or other local emergency responders, including Questar Gas at 1-800-767-1689.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS IF A LINE IS PULLED OR JARRED OR ITS COATING IS DAMAGED:

- Stop all work and check for the sound and other signs of escaping gas in the area.
- Do not make repairs or backfill until Questar Gas has inspected the line and repaired any damage. Unrepaired damage to a gas line or coating may eventually cause a failure to occur. Unrepaired damage to a locating wire will cause difficulty in properly locating a plastic gas line in the future.

For more information about pipeline safety, call 1-800-323-5517 for a free brochure or view the brochure online at www.questargas.com. This brochure is also printed in Spanish.

Habla Español?

Sepa que hacer si usted le pega o descubre un escape de gas natural en la tubería subterránea pidiendo una copia gratis del folleto Pipeline Safety Brochure en español. Por favor llame al 1-800-323-5517.