

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **City of Westlake**

The City of Westlake has buried gas pipelines throughout the gas service area. The City of Westlake Gas Maintenance Department maintains these pipelines and has a damage control program and an Emergency Plan for responding to emergency situations. Prior to any excavation in and around any gas facilities contact any of the numbers below.

### **Help Us Keep You Safe** **How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak**

Natural gas leaks may be detected by one of the following indications on or near our pipelines right-of-way:

1. A gaseous or hydrocarbon odor.
2. A blowing or hissing sound.
3. Dust blowing from a hole in the ground.
4. Continuous bubbling in one spot in wet or flooded areas.
5. Dead vegetation (grass or trees).
6. Abnormally dry or hardened soil.
7. Fire apparently coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

**CAUTION:** Gas that has accumulated in a confined space is subject to **explosion**. Please stay away from immediate area of any suspected gas leak!

**NOTE:** The City of Westlake does NOT maintain buried piping between the gas meter and the house or business. The customer is responsible for maintaining and repairing this section of gas piping from leakage. These buried gas lines should be checked periodically for leakage.

If you suspect a natural gas leak or in case of an emergency concerning a City of Westlake System gas main or service line, immediately call:

**City Hall (337) 433-0691 or**  
**Police Department (337) 433-4151 or**  
**One-Call System 1 (800) 272-3020**