



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

GAS & PHONE SAFETY TIPS

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Gas Safety Tips



Evacuate immediately if you smell natural gas which has the odor of rotten eggs, or see a broken gas line. Ventilate the area by opening windows or opening a door. Do not light matches, turn on any light switches, or use the telephone. Call the gas company immediately from a telephone outside the home or business. ***TECO Energy/Peoples Gas crews are available to respond to natural gas emergencies. For 24-hour service, call 1-877-832-6747.*** If you are unable to contact your gas company, call **9-1-1**.

If you evacuate, do not turn off the gas supply at the main meter. Only emergency or utility personnel should turn this valve. If you choose to do so, you can turn off the gas for individual appliances. If you have difficulty re-lighting pilot lights, or if gas appliances have been exposed to flood waters, do not attempt to operate the appliance. Contact a plumber, qualified service contractor, or your gas company.

Telephone/Cell Phone Tips



Be patient. Expect delays in getting calls through because of the high demand. Use your phone only for necessary calls, leaving lines open for emergency calls. Your phone line may be inoperable if your phone equipment requires power. Plug a hardline phone (not cordless) directly into the phone jack to verify whether you have service. Use your cell phone to send text messages which often get through when voice calls won't. Use your cell phone car charger to charge your cell phone.

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