

IMPORTANT NOTICE AND POLICIES

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION REGARDING CUSTOMER- OWNED BURIED NATURAL GAS PIPING

This notice is being provided in accordance with Title 49 CFR 192.16 of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

In accordance with the "DOT Rule" listed above, the Village of Cobden is hereby giving notice to all customers who have buried natural gas piping that is not maintained by the Village of Cobden Gas Department of the following information:

1. If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
2. Buried gas piping should be:
 - a. periodically inspected for leaks
 - b. periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic, and
 - c. repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.
3. Before you dig, call JULIE toll-free number JULIE operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. By Illinois state law, you are required to call JULIE two working days prior to digging or excavating. At no cost to you, JULIE will notify the owners and/or operators of underground utilities who are JULIE members of this planned digging activity. The member utilities are then required to mark their facilities or notify you that they are clear. Excavation should be done by hand.
4. Plumbing and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting and repairing the customer's buried piping.

For your guidance in determining whether this notice applies to you, please be informed that in most cases the Village of Cobden maintains buried gas piping from the main (generally located near the street curb) up to the gas meter on the customer's premises. In addition, if the piping leaving the meter up to the principal gas utilization equipment is above ground when entering the customer's premises, this rule does not apply. If you are uncertain as to whether this notice applies to you, please contact the Village of Cobden at the Village Hall (618) 893-2425 or (618) 559-7406.