



# The ERPUD Underground

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## Early Light-up - \$10.00 OFF!

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Safety

NEW!  
Kid's Corner

Fall is just around the corner and temperatures will soon be dropping.

Natural gas safety is important all year. With cooler temperatures on the way, take advantage of our experience and professional services to help with lighting and inspecting your natural gas space heaters.

### Warm up to Savings!! Warm up Safely!

You will save time, money and valuable energy by having a qualified technician check your natural gas space heating for proper operation.

Help us keep clean, dependable natural gas our most efficient energy system.

## Call now and Save \$10.00 on the cost of any Qualifying Service Call.\*

This offer expires Friday September 28, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. CST

\*Residential & Small Commercial Customers  
During Normal Operating Hours M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Please call for additional details.

### Did you know?

Today, the U.S. pipeline network, laid end-to-end, would stretch to the moon and back *twice*.

More than **70 percent** of all new single-family homes nationwide are heated with natural gas.



### Safety Checks YOU Can Make

#### Furnace Air Filters

Clean filters (if permanent) or replace them regularly. Inspect them monthly.

#### Hot Water Temperature

To prevent scalds from hot tap water set your water heater thermostat to 120 °F.

#### Flammable Liquid Storage

Never store materials that may produce flammable vapors (such as painting materials, cleaning solvents, gasoline cans and oily rags) near a gas appliance or in the same room.

# Carbon Monoxide



The weather is turning colder, and people will be warming their homes and businesses with their furnaces and heaters. This is the time of year when we are at the greatest risk for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.



## Symptoms of CO Poisoning

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe **headaches**, become **dizzy**, mentally **confused**, **nauseated**, or **faint**. Low levels can cause **shortness of breath**, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer-term effects on your health. These symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses; you should seek medical attention if these types of symptoms persist.

## Play it Safe!

**If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:**

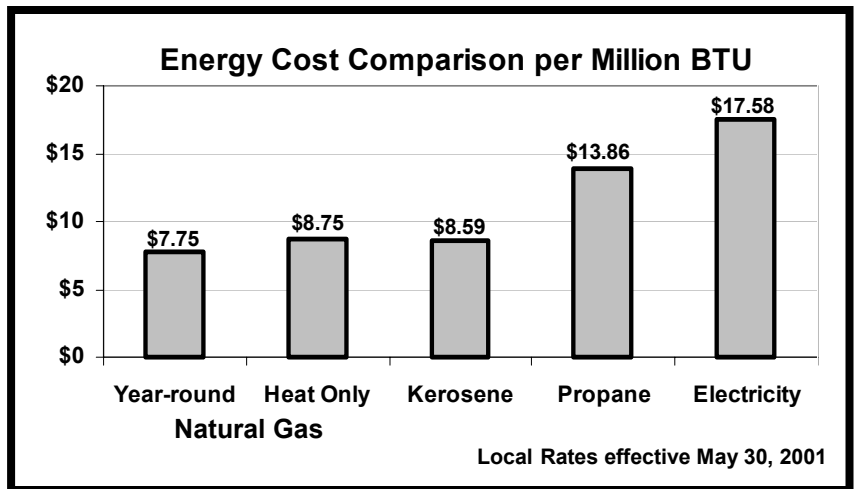
**DO GET FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY.** Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and **leave the house**.

**DO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** and tell the physician you suspect CO poisoning. If CO poisoning has occurred, it can often be diagnosed by a blood test done soon after exposure.

**Our Natural Gas Emergency Services are available 24 HRS and include checking for CO**

### Prevention is the Key to Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- ✓ **DO** have your fuel-burning appliances -- including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves -- inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.
- ✓ **DO** choose appliances that vent their fumes to the outside whenever possible, have them properly installed, and maintain them according to manufacturers' instructions.
- ✓ **DO** read and follow all of the instructions that accompany any fuel-burning device. If you cannot avoid using an unvented gas or kerosene space heater, *carefully follow the cautions* that come with the device. Use the proper fuel and keep doors to the rest of the house open. Crack a window to ensure enough air for ventilation and proper fuel burning.
- ✓ **DON'T** use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.
- ✓ **DON'T ever** use a charcoal grill indoors - even in a fireplace.
- ✓ **DON'T** use any heater in a manner that is unapproved by the manufacturer.
- ✓ **DON'T** ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.



## Kid's Corner

WORD FIND



Natural Gas has many uses!

See if you can find the following:

- HEATING
- COOKING
- DRYING
- BARBECUES
- LIGHTING
- FIREPLACES
- CARS

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# Construction

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## *Please pardon our progress.*

We are constantly expanding and improving our service area to accommodate the demand for natural gas energy. We install approximately 25-30 miles of main extensions and replacements annually.

## *Clean up*

After a new main or service is installed, you can rest assured that you'll see us again! Weather permitting, we will return within 4 to 6 weeks to perform clean up and restoration of any areas affected by the installation of natural gas lines. Should further settling occur, please feel free to notify us and we'll gladly return!

# Natural Gas Main Extensions 2001

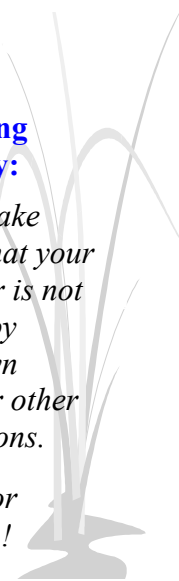
## Growing to serve you better!

	Status
<b>Tullahoma</b> East Lincoln Street	<b>Completed!</b>
<b>Winchester</b> Winchester Square	<b>Completed!</b>
Lee Ford Estates	Pending
Pine Bluff	Pending
<b>Manchester</b> Fox Chase	<b>Completed!</b>
Old Bushy Branch Road	<b>Completed!</b>
Manchester Hills	<b>Completed!</b>

## For Billing Accuracy:

*Please make certain that your gas meter is not blocked by overgrown bushes or other obstructions.*

*Thanks for your help!*



## *What's the cost of cleanliness?*

*Natural gas water heaters provide more hot water for washing hands and cleaning dishes at a fraction of the cost over electric units.*

## *For Safety's Sake:*

*Never use grills, hibachis, or other outdoor cooking equipment indoors and never use a gas range as a heater.*

# Kitchen Creations



## Rosemary Sage Roast

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Marinate time: Overnight

Combine for marinade:

- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 TBS salt
- 12 peppercorns, crushed
- 3 TBS sage
- 5 cloves garlic, minced

- 1 4-6 pound roast\*
- 4 rosemary sprigs
- 1 TBS olive oil
- 8 small new potatoes, scrubbed
- 8 pearl onions, peeled

Marinate roast overnight in the refrigerator. Turn occasionally to evenly distribute marinade.

Preheat oven to 425°. Trim fat, and puncture roast several times with knife or fork. Place rosemary sprigs in puncture holes. Lightly coat baking dish with olive oil. Place roast in baking dish, add the onions and potatoes, and bake to 16-18 minutes per pound for rare (140°), 20-22 minutes per pound for medium (160°), or 25-30 minutes per pound for well done (170°).

\* Suggested cuts: eye of round, rib-eye, prime rib, or bottom sirloin

**tip:** Using a large self-sealing plastic bag will make marinating easier. After placing ingredients in bag squeeze out excess air & seal!

## What's cooking at your house?

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share mail it to:

**ERPUD (recipe)**  
P.O. Box 970  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Submissions will be selected randomly. Please include your name and daytime number in case we have any questions.

## tips for roasting:

Use a meat thermometer to check the temperature of the roast 15 minutes before the estimated time to be done.

Remove meat from the oven when thermometer registers 5° below desired doneness. (Cooking will continue when the roast is removed.)

After removing from oven, cover roast loosely with foil and allow to "rest" for 15 minutes.

Do your home improvements include adding trees and shrubs to your landscape or installing a new fence or pool? If so, please remember to:



**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**

**1-800-351-1111**

TENNESSEE ONE -CALL SYSTEM, INC.

**Special Dates:**

Our offices will be closed in observance of:

**Labor Day**

Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Thanksgiving**

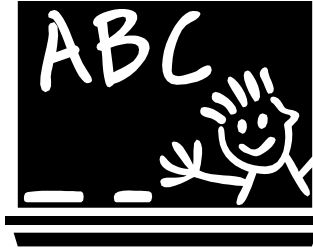
Thursday & Friday,  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please feel free to use our after hours depositories to make your payments.

If you have an emergency, our dispatchers are on duty to answer your call.

*Visit us at the  
Coffee County Fair  
September 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>*

Children are  
Back in School!!  
Please Drive  
Carefully



**ERPUD Policy Change  
Effective August 22, 2001**

**ATTENTION**

**Natural gas service may be discontinued for non-payment 10 days after the Due Date posted on your natural gas bill.**

**"Non-owner Occupied" Residential customers will be required to pay a \$100 security deposit upon signing up for natural gas service.**

**How are we doing?**

Are you pleased with the service you receive from Elk River Public Utility District? That's our goal.

If you have suggestions for improving our service, we'd like to hear them. Please call, write, or email us with your ideas.

**Management**

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*General Manager*

Mike Gundersen  
*Manager of Marketing*

Eddie Moffitt  
*Manager of Operations*

Helen Van Patten  
*Comptroller*

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**Smell Gas?**

**Call 455-9311  
or 967-2110**

**Your Safety is  
our Priority**

**24-Hour Emergency Service**

Our trained technicians are available to assist you with natural gas leaks, disturbed or broken gas lines, equipment problems, carbon monoxide calls, and other potential natural gas emergencies that may arise.

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