



Natural Gas Safety: Protecting Your Family

Natural gas is used in millions of homes for space heating, water heating and cooking. Although it's safe and reliable, natural gas can be hazardous if used improperly. These simple precautions will help to ensure the safety of your family.

Carbon monoxide poisoning

One of the dangers of poorly maintained or improperly used gas appliances and equipment is carbon monoxide poisoning. Poor ventilation can lead to a buildup of this deadly gas, causing sickness and even death. Reduce your risk with these safety tips:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors, which measure the amount of this gas in the air and alert occupants before it reaches dangerous levels.
- Have natural gas appliances and equipment inspected regularly by a qualified professional.
- Inspect the vents and flues of gas water heaters, furnaces and fireplaces to ensure the exhaust is properly ventilated. If you suspect a problem, contact a qualified repair technician.

Gas line leaks

Though rare, natural gas line leaks can be dangerous. The most telling sign is a rotten egg smell. This unpleasant odor comes from a harmless chemical, mercaptan, which is added to natural gas to make detection easier.

If you suspect a gas leak:

- Don't attempt to find it yourself.
- Don't shut off any electrical equipment.
- Leave the premises immediately and call the Fremont Department of Utilities at 402.727.2613 or 911.

Contact the Utility if you smell natural gas outside your home. Call 811 to have underground utility lines marked before doing any renovation or outdoor projects that require digging.

Gas appliances and equipment

Fuel-fired equipment and appliances can cause fires or explosions if they're not cleaned and maintained properly. Follow these safety tips:

- Keep the area around appliances and equipment free of flammable materials.
- Have furnaces, boilers and water heaters inspected and maintained regularly by a qualified professional.
- Make sure heating equipment and flues are in good working order.
- Keep the air intakes and drainpipes on water heaters unobstructed. Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding maintenance or the installation of insulation blankets.

Tree Trimming: 3 Things You Need to Know



Tree trimming is about more than just shaping the branches with heavy shears; it's an important part of overall tree care and safety. Long branches that hang over the road, power lines, or your home are hazards. Weak branches can be easily broken by strong winds and storms. Remove those potential dangers before they become a problem by properly trimming your trees.

Damaged branches can fall on your house, in your yard, or on sidewalks, which can injure your family and friends. Branches and foliage that extend into roadways and obstruct motorists' views should also be trimmed back.

Trees that grow too tall and touch power lines are fire hazards. When it comes to electricity and trees, leave trimming to the pros. Don't attempt to work on trees that are within 10 feet of overhead wires, and definitely don't touch a branch that's touching a wire.

Instead, call the Utilities Service Center at 402.727.2613. Business hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

Applying for a City Job



The City of Fremont implemented a new on-line job application process. Applicants may apply on-line at www.fremontne.gov by clicking on the "Employment" section. Detailed job descriptions for position openings are posted. Completing a new account registration will allow you to receive job alerts when new openings are posted.



Election Day is November 3

The Fremont City Council and Dodge County Board of Supervisors have unanimously approved ballot language for a proposed Joint Law Enforcement Center. The ballot language below is what voters will see on the ballot at the November 3, 2020 General Election. Voters that live in the County will vote on the County ballot language only. Voters that live in the City of Fremont will vote on both the County language and the City language.

Dodge County

“Shall The County of Dodge, Nebraska (the “County”) issue its negotiable bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$7,783,000) for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of constructing a Law Enforcement Center, including related improvements (the “Project”), to be jointly owned and operated by the County and the City of Fremont, Nebraska (the “City”); said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to become due at such time or times (not to exceed 20 years), and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Supervisors of the County; and

“Shall the County cause to be levied and collected annually a special tax against all taxable property in the County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said Bonds as the same become due and payable, which special tax shall be in addition to all other taxes to be collected by the County, may exceed the County’s constitutional and statutory limitations on levying more than 50 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation and shall be levied and collected so long as said bonds are outstanding but not more than 20 years?”

- FOR said bonds and tax.**
- AGAINST said bonds and tax.**

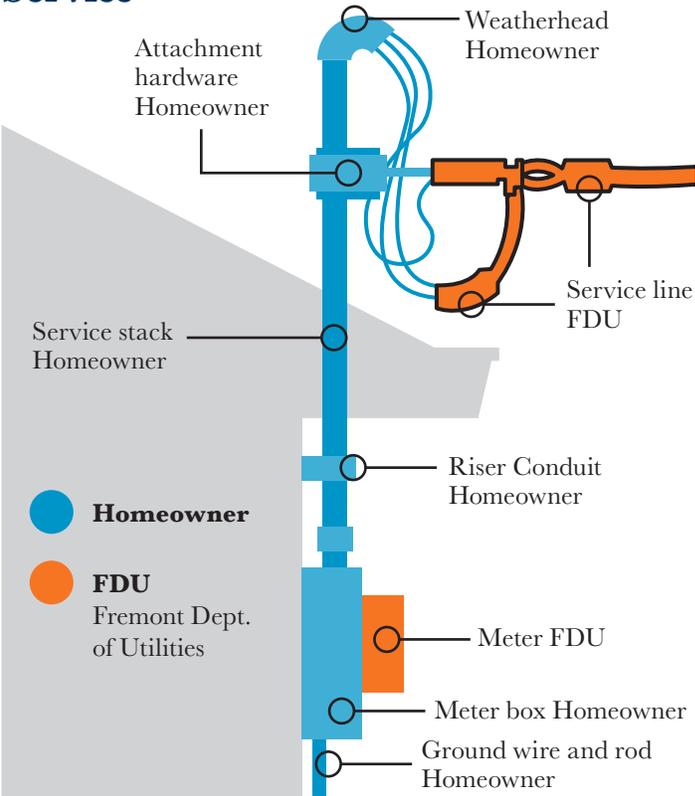
City of Fremont

“Shall the City of Fremont, Nebraska, issue its negotiable bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed Ten Million Three Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$10,317,000.00) for the purpose of construction of a Joint Law Enforcement Center on land jointly owned by the City of Fremont and Dodge County in the general area of 29th and Lincoln Street; said bonds to be dated and become due and payable, both principal and interest, on such date or dates as may be fixed by the Mayor and Council of the City at the time of their issuance and to bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the Mayor and Council”; and

“Shall the City cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes on the taxable value of all the taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as such principal and interest become due?”

- FOR said bonds and tax.**
- AGAINST said bonds and tax.**

Identifying Damage Repair Responsibility of Overhead Electric Service



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