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*Natural Gas is a very safe household energy to use, although as with electricity and other types of energy there are some safety issues that you should be aware of. Please read this leaflet carefully, and keep it handy just in case you should ever need to follow the safety procedures outlined.*

*Remember Natural Gas is not poisonous. When Natural Gas burns it gives off water vapour and carbon dioxide and this is a similar mixture of gases to those exhaled when you breathe out.*

- Contact us on one of the phone numbers listed on the front of this leaflet at any time if you have any concerns regarding your gas supply.

## What do you do if you smell gas in your home?

### Don't:

- Operate any electrical switches either on or off.
- Use your phone or cellphone in any area you think there could be a gas leak.
- Try to track the gas leak yourself with a naked flame.

### Do:

- Turn off all gas appliances if you suspect that the smell of gas is because of a gas leak in your home. Extinguish all cigarettes, matches and candles.
- Open doors and windows to let the gas escape and keep them open until the leak has been stopped.
- Shut off the gas supply to your home by turning the main gas valve off. The valve is located near the gas meter. If you're unsure how to do this, follow the instructions overleaf or contact us for advice.

### Note:

To turn off your gas supply refer to the instructions overleaf.

## What do you do if you smell gas in the street?

If you smell gas in the street contact us and give us the location where you can smell the gas. We will then contact the appropriate network or meter operator in your area.

## Safe Installation

Always use a Craftsman Gasfitter to install your gas appliances or alter your gas installation. Ask to see their current licence. A Craftsman Gasfitter will ensure that your gas appliance or installation is connected correctly, has adequate ventilation, is appropriately flued and is in good working order.

Make sure your Craftsman Gasfitter gives you a Gas Certificate to confirm that the work was completed safely and in accordance with the relevant regulations and manufacturer's instructions. A certificate is required for all gas installations or alterations.

If you do not have a certificate, you can request one from the Craftsman Gasfitter or company that carried out the work. Alternatively, for a small fee the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board can provide you with a copy. The Board can also advise you if your Gasfitter has a current licence.

You can also obtain this information by visiting the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board website at [www.pgdb.org.nz](http://www.pgdb.org.nz)



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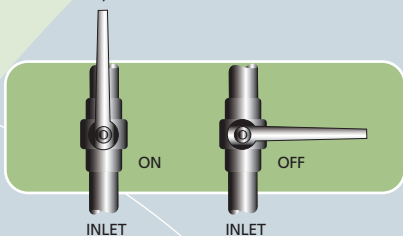
The homeowner is responsible for ensuring that gas appliances and installations are maintained to the standard certified by the Craftsman Gasfitter when installed. It is recommended that you have your gas appliances serviced in line with the manufacturer's instructions. Alternatively, as a minimum your Natural Gas appliances should be serviced once a year.

## How to turn your Gas off

- The gas valve is off when the 'T' handle is pointing across the pipe. Turn the tap until it resembles the position in the diagram below.
- If your meter valve does not have a handle use a wrench or a spanner, and gently turn the valve a 1/4 turn clockwise (eg. 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock).

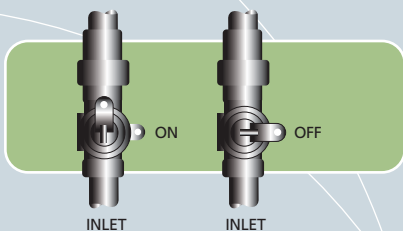
To turn gas OFF move the lever a quarter turn clockwise (eg. 12 o'clock – 3 o'clock).

Figure 1



If the gas valve is like the one shown in *Figure 2* below turn the valve a quarter turn clockwise.

Figure 2



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