

Florence Energy News

STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater pollution is caused by the daily activities of people everywhere. It is a myth that pollution of our rivers and bays is caused mainly by industry or sewage. Most is caused by the every day activities of people in our city and suburbs. Individuals, businesses, local governments, and other community organizations all have a role in preventing pollution before it gets into our storm drainage system.

Storm drains flow directly to nearby rivers and streams, not to wastewater treatment plants. Your city street is really like waterfront property and everything rinsing off your roof, yard, and driveway goes to the river. Each year, people dump thousands of gallons of used oil, antifreeze, and other wastes into storm drains. Rainwater runs off streets, lawns, farms, construction, and industrial sites, and picks up fertilizers, dirt, pesticides, oil and grease, and many other pollutants on the way to our rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.



Reducing the discharge of pollutants will protect our rivers and lakes from pollution that may kill fish, close beaches, and increase weed and algae growth.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

It is simple! Dump nothing down the storm drain that you would not swim in or drink!

- Use less fertilizer on lawns
- Avoid pesticides
- Compost garden trimmings
- Recycle used oil
- Wash your car on the lawn, not on the driveway or street
- Pick up pet wastes
- Do not litter

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CITY OF FLORENCE
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
256-760-6350**

The Smell of Natural Gas

Teach your family to recognize the smell of natural gas. Natural gas is colorless and odorless. A chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added so you can smell a leak immediately.

Teach your family what to do in the event they smell gas inside your home. If you ever smell what you think is natural gas inside your home you should leave immediately, leaving the door open for ventilation. Go to a neighbor's house or pay phone and call the Florence Utilities Gas Department to report the leak.

The Florence Utilities Gas Department can be reached Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at 767-3430 or 760-6490. After hours, weekends, or holidays, they can be reached at 764-4456. If the odor is very strong, call 911.

Remember...

- Do Not turn light switches on or off.
- Do Not use a flashlight or matches.
- Do Not use the telephone in your home because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion.

Enjoy the Advantages of Natural Gas...

Use it Safely!

El Olor de Gas Natural

Enseñe a su familia a reconocer el olor de gas natural. El gas natural es sin color e inodoro. Por lo que se puede oler una fuga inmediatamente, se agrega un producto químico que huele a huevos podridos.

Enseñar a su familia qué hacer en caso de huelen gas dentro de la casa. Si nunca se oler lo que piensa que es el gas natural dentro de la casa debe dejar inmediatamente, dejando la puerta abierta para la ventilación. Vaya a la casa de un vecino o su teléfono público y llamar al Departamento de Gas de utilidades de Florencia para informar de la fuga.

El departamento de Gas de utilidades de Florencia se llega lunes a viernes, 8: 00 am a 5: 00 pm, en 767-3430 o 760-6490. Después de horas, fines de semana o días festivos, pueden ser contactados en 764-4456. Si el olor es muy fuerte, llame al 911.

Recuerda...

- No encienda o apague las luces.
- No utilice una linterna o fósforos.
- No utilice el teléfono en su casa debido a que una chispa eléctrica podría encender el gas, causando una explosión.

Disfrute de las ventajas de Gas Natural...
¡Desea utilizarlo de forma segura!

UTILITY BILL PAYING

Mail and After-Hours Depository

Your utility bill is due and payable upon receipt. The last day which the bill may be paid without a penalty is shown as the **DUE DATE**.

If paying by mail, it will be accepted without penalty if the envelope bears a U.S. Postal Service postmark which has been stamped before or on the **DUE DATE**. It is cheaper to mail the payment than to use the gas in your car!

An after-hours depository is available at the side entrance to City Hall on Short Court Street. When using the depository, please pay only by check or money order and always include your bill stub. Any payment received **before 8:00 a.m.** will be counted for the **previous business day**. All payments received after 8:00 a.m. will be counted for the day it is received.

For additional information, contact

Customer Service Department

256-760-6512

NOTICE

FLORENCE UTILITIES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MON., MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY
MON., JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

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NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM FLORENCE UTILITIES

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Teach your family how to recognize the smell of natural gas and what to do in the event they do smell gas inside your home.

Enseñar a su familia qué hacer en caso de huelen gas natural dentro de la casa.

How can you pay your bill after business hours or when the City is closed for a holiday? An after-hours depository is open 24-hours a day at the side entrance to City Hall on Short Court Street. When using this depository, please only pay by check or money order and always include your bill stub.