

Peoples Gas reminds you to be ready for hurricane season



Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. With our comprehensive emergency plan, Peoples Gas works year-round to be ready for all types of severe weather. Just as we're committed to safety and service, we urge you to follow this important safety guidance in the event of a major storm.

near each unit. Do not turn off your natural gas supply at the main meter. That valve should be turned on or off by emergency utility personnel only. Most city codes now call for a small supply turn-off valve for each gas appliance. Locate the turn-off valve for

a qualified appliance service contractor for a safety inspection.

- After severe weather, your yard may sustain damage from fallen trees. Always call **Sunshine 8-1-1** to have utilities marked before you dig up tree roots, as they could be growing near natural gas pipes or other utility lines.
- Immediately call **877 TECO PGS (877-832-6747)** if you smell natural gas (like an odor of rotten eggs) or see a broken gas line.
- Be prepared! Visit **peoplesgas.com/safety** for safety tips. Create a hurricane season safety plan for your household. For helpful guidance, visit **redcross.org**.



- **We recommend that you do not turn off your natural gas service.** If you are required to evacuate your home or business, your gas service should operate uninterrupted throughout the storm.
- However, if you choose to turn off your gas service, you may turn off gas to individual appliances at the supply valve

each of your gas appliances and familiarize yourself with their operation before a storm occurs.

- If you have questions or have difficulty relighting the pilot lights on your appliances, call your plumber or a qualified appliance service contractor. You may also call Peoples Gas to assist you in locating

While no one can predict what hurricane season will bring, by planning ahead and knowing how to respond to a storm, you can put yourself in a better position to manage severe weather.

