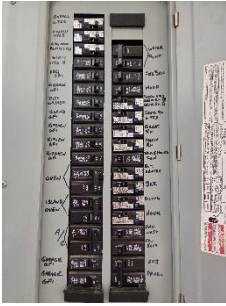


# 2025 Prepare in a Year Campaign



## Utility Control – Know What to Do

With our nice San Diego weather, it is a great time to get outside and become familiar with the location of your gas meter, water meter and electrical panels. Knowing where your utility meters are located and how to turn them off is essential during an emergency.



### Natural and Propane Gas – (signs of a gas leak outside include):

- Bubbles rising in a puddle or other pool of liquid on the ground
- Dust or dirt blowing from a hole in the ground
- Dead or dying vegetation in unexpected locations
- Hissing (small perforation) or roaring (large break)
- Natural and propane gas have a distinct “rotten eggs” odor added for safety

### If you smell gas while indoors – (“rotten eggs”):

- **IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE THE BUILDING!**
- **DO NOT** use anything which may create a spark, or igniting source, such as ringing a doorbell or using light switches
- **DO** open windows and doors as you leave, *if possible*, to allow for ventilation
- **DO** call your natural or propane gas service provider and/or 9-1-1 from a safe distance to immediately report the leak

**\*CAUTION:** \*Ask your service provider to show you how to safely turn off the gas prior to an emergency.

**\*If you do shut the gas off to your home: DO NOT turn the gas back on yourself. \*Call your service provider to safely do it for you. They will check that it is safe to turn back on and relight the pilot lights.**

### Electrical Panels:

- Know the location of your electrical panel or panels (make sure your family knows too).
- Label each individual breaker in the electrical panel and post shutoff instructions nearby.
- **Ask your electrician** how to safely turn off individual breakers *and* the main breaker to your house. **Don't forget to ask how to safely turn the power back on especially for the main breaker.**

### Water Meters:

- Locate the water meter to your house for easy identification during an emergency.
- If the meter is in a box in the ground . . . use a tool to shut the water off. ***Avoid spiders or worse!***

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### Ideas to Consider:

- \*Attach a **non-sparking** utility shutoff tool to the garage wall for emergencies.
- \*Add small lightweight blankets or emergency mylar blankets to your 72-hour Go-bag.

