## **CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION REGARDING CUSTOMER OWNED GAS LINES**

If you are a natural gas customer of Tri-County Natural Gas, please read the following notification.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS**

**Federal <u>Regulation 192.16</u>** requires that we notify you to exercise diligence regarding underground or buried gas piping. Buried pipe may be subject to leakage and/or corrosion (corrosion may occur on metallic pipe) and could potentially be subject to hazards if not maintained.

Remember that any and all gas pipe downstream (house side) of the gas meter belongs to you, the gas consumer, and the gas consumer is responsible for maintenance and operation of this portion of the fuel line system. We do not own the gas line beyond the gas meter; therefore, we do not routinely maintain or locate fuel lines. Commercial plumbers and/or heating contractors may be contacted if and when gas fuel lines need attention.

## Buried gas piping should be----

- Periodically inspected for leaks:
- Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic:
- Repaired if any condition is discovered, or if the flow of gas should be shut off, and
- When excavation is performed or is about to be performed near the buried gas Piping, the piping should be located and marked in advance, and any excavation performed near the pipe should be done by hand.

This is a **NOTICE** only. If you have questions or comments regarding this Correspondence, please contact a gas system representative at our business office at: 706-743-8484 or 1-800-919-1618