

# Unitil Warns Natural Gas Customers of Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing-related Accidental Fires



**Check your home for corrugated stainless steel tubing!** Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) is a thin-walled metallic gas piping product that can be used as an alternative to conventional gas piping material or steel pipe. If your home uses corrugated stainless steel tubing, we recommend regular inspections for your safety and to prevent potential dangers and code violations.

- CSST poses a risk of gas leaks and fire due to lightning strikes. In order to protect against lightning strikes, the building owner should install appropriate electrical bonding and conduct an inspection of their CSST gas piping system.
- Recently Unitil has been finding a high number of code violations on CSST gas piping installations that are not properly bonded. This code violation requires Unitil to issue a yellow tag with a 30 day period for the customer to correct the issue. If not completed in 30 days, a red tag is issued and gas service is turned off until repairs are completed and inspected.

To ensure your home and your gas piping system is up to current building codes, please contact a licensed, qualified plumber for an evaluation or for more information.



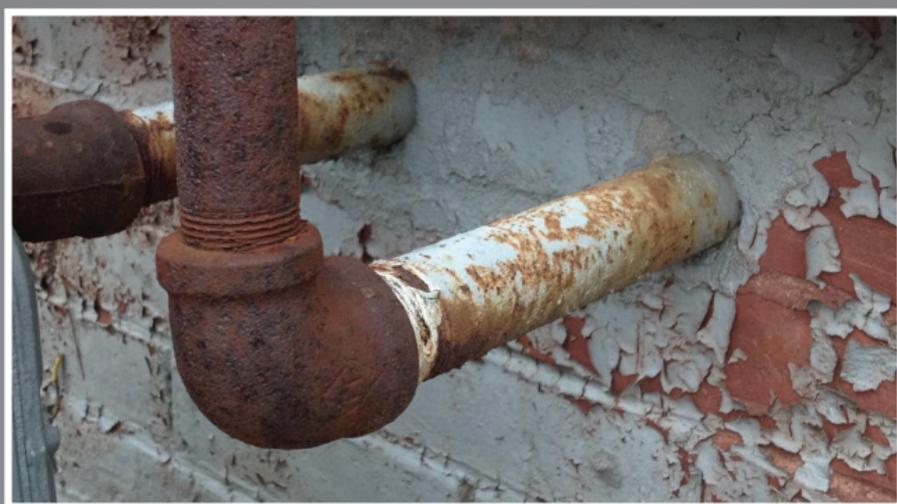
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# Unitil Warns Natural Gas Customers of Safety Issues Associated with Unsleeved Gas Lines

Check your home for gas lines running through masonry without proper sleeving. While gas lines can be safely run through concrete or masonry, an unsleeved gas line can corrode, creating a greater risk for gas leaks in a location that may be difficult to access. This can create an ongoing safety issue in your home. Unsleeved gas piping can look like this:



If a Unitil technician finds what he or she believes to be an ongoing safety issue, Unitil is required to issue a yellow tag with a 30 day period for the customer to correct the issue. If not completed in 30 days, a red tag is issued and gas service is turned off until repairs are completed and inspected in order to assure the safety issue has been resolved. To ensure your home and your gas piping system is up to current building codes, please contact a licensed, qualified plumber for an evaluation or for more information.



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