

**CALL 811** before you dig. Whether you are building, planting a tree, putting in a fence, landscaping, tilling a garden or any type of digging; follow these three steps before you begin:

1. **Call 811 before you dig.** This will initiate the process for marking the utility lines buried in your yard. Call at least 3 days before you dig.
2. **Wait the required time for the lines to be marked.** There is no charge for this service.
3. **Know the flag colors:** Flag colors designate the type of service buried.
  - **Red-----Electric**
  - **Yellow----Natural Gas**
  - **Blue-----Water**
  - **Green----Sewer**
4. **Respect the marks, then dig with care.** When you dig try to stay at least 18 inches away from the marked lines. If you must dig within the 18" do so with extreme caution and by hand.

**IOWA ONE CALL**  
**1-800-292-8989**  
**iowaonecall.com**

**Detecting a gas leak.** Because natural gas has no scent, a strong odorant that smells like rotten eggs is added to help you detect a possible leak. If you suspect a gas leak, follow these do's and don'ts:

**DO**

- Make sure gas appliances are turned all the way off.
- Smell gas? Evacuate everyone from the building or area
- Leave the door open as you exit
- Call 712-832-3667 from a remote location
- Leave the area and stay away until someone from Lake Park Municipal Utilities allows you to return
- If you hear gas hissing or blowing, call 911

**DO NOT**

- Do not try to find or repair the leak
- Do not start an engine of any kind
- Do not strike matches or create a flame of any kind
- Do not use a telephone or cell phone (these can ignite gases or vapors)
- Do not turn on or off any light switches, garage door openers or other electrical switches (these also can ignite airborne gases)
- Do not attempt to extinguish a burning gas leak.

# SAFETY TIPS & NEWSLETTER

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**Lake Park  
Municipal  
Utilities**

217 Market St, PO Box 536  
Lake Park, IA 51347  
Utility Phone: 712-832-3667  
[www.lakeparkia.com](http://www.lakeparkia.com)  
Open 7-12am—1-4pm  
Monday-Friday



**Recycle Days:** Dec 8 & 22  
 Jan 5 & 19  
 Feb 2 & 16

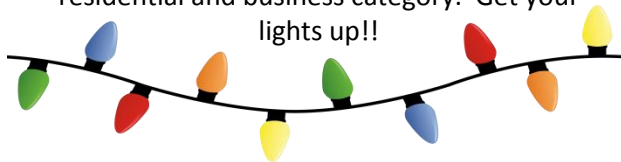
**Lighting Contest Registration**  
 Due Dec 16..Judging Dec 20

**Christmas Day** Dec 25  
 (City/Utility Office closed Dec 26)

**New Year's Day** Jan 1  
 (City/Utility Office closed Jan 2)

**OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTEST**

Lake Park Utilities and the Lake Park Historical Society will be sponsoring the annual Christmas lighting contest for businesses and residences. Register at City Hall by Dec 16 with judging to take place on Dec 20. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first 3 places in both the residential and business category. Get your lights up!!



**Parking Snow Ban**—Between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Apr 1<sup>st</sup> no vehicle shall be left standing or parked on City streets between the hours of **2:00am and 6:00am** or at any time during the day or night in which snow removal operations are in progress. Fines for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be \$25. For all subsequent offenses, the fine will be \$50.

It is a violation of city code to cause snow and ice from private property to be placed in the street.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear the sidewalks on Main Street in a reasonable amount of time. Within 24 hours would be greatly appreciated.

Be sure to check to see if your furnace filter needs replacement. Stop in the Utility office to pick up your replacement filters. Limited sizes available. Limit 2 per year.



The EMS, American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be having Bingo at the Community Center beginning in January and lasting through March. A meal consisting of a sandwich, chips and a cookie will be served for \$5. The fun will begin at 6:30pm on the following dates.

January 14 & 21  
 February 11 & 25  
 March 11 & 25

