

GAS SAFETY PRESSURIZATION TEST

The St. Joseph County/South Bend Building Department in conjunction with **NIPSCO** has established this **GAS SAFETY PRESSURIZATION TEST** for your health and safety.

***NATURAL GAS IS HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE**

And can cause serious injury or death.

NIPSCO requires an air pressure test for any of the following:

Relocation of Service
Disconnection
New Service

YOU MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE FOR A GAS LINE TEST!

1. Secure a permit - **\$60.00**
2. Pressurize the main line to **10 lbs.** of pressure, with a 30 lb or less, pressure gauge. It is **your** responsibility to have the line pressurized. If you do not have the means to pressurize the line, call a licensed Heating or Plumbing Contractor from the phone book. **For Gas Reconnections, the Pressure Gauge must be on the Outside of the building.**
3. **When the pressure is 10 lbs. and holding, call the Building Department at 574-235-9554 between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.**
4. **The morning AFTER the inspection** has been done, then call **NIPSCO between 8:30-10:00 AM at 1-800-4NIPSCO or 1-800-464-7726.** If they do not have a record of your gas test, **YOU FAILED!** You must get another permit for a gas test and pressurize the line again. A permit is required for each time you pressurize the line.
5. Even if you pass the pressure test **NIPSCO** has the right to refuse connecting the gas service if they suspect or detect a gas-fired device that does not meet their minimum standards. If they refuse you gas service, you must make repairs and then get another pressure test.