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Natural Gas—Excess Flow Valve

Hastings Utilities began installing an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) on new and replacement gas service lines in 1999. In 2008, Hastings Utilities started installing the valves on all new and replacement residential gas meter sets.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administrations has recently issued a new regulation that requires Hastings Utilities to install an EFV on all new natural gas service lines to residential and small commercial customers. The regulations also allow certain existing residential and small commercial customers whose total appliance load is no greater than 1,000 cubic feet per hour (approximately 1,000,000 BTU per hour) to request the installation of an EFV on their natural gas service lines if they would pay the cost of excavation and installation which could exceed \$500. An EFV is not designed to protect against minor gas leaks on the service line or gas meter, or any leak on customer piping inside a home or business.

The illustration below shows some typical causes of broken service lines that would trip an EFV, including excavation damage. **Remember – the best prevention against damaging your service line is to have all below ground utility lines marked before digging. This free service is available by calling Nebraska One Call at 811 or online at <https://www.ne1call.com/>**

For more information on EFV's, call the Gas Department at Hastings Utilities at 402-463-1371.

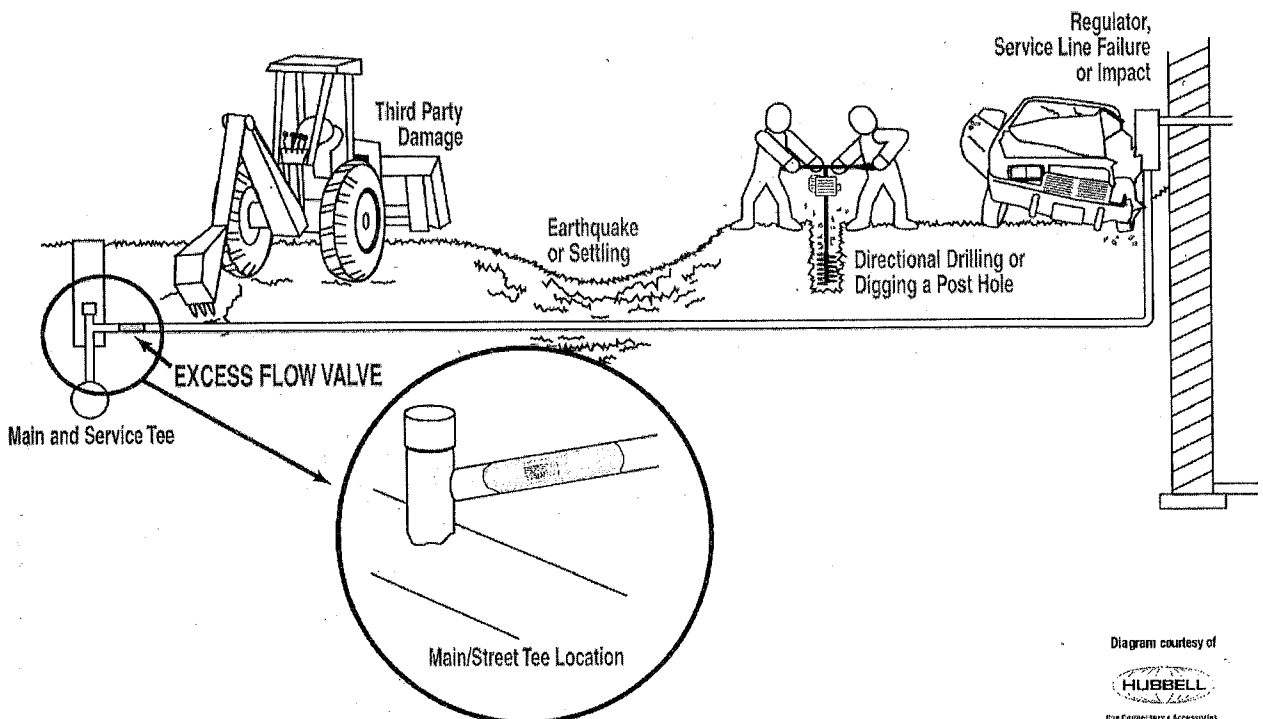


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Celebrate National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 citizens throughout Hastings are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 35th Annual "National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event.

On Tuesday, August 7th residents of Hastings are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. The Crime Prevention Committee of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a FREE BBQ and visits with police, various community organizations, and other activates at Chautauqua Pavilion. Local non-profits will also be in attendance and will have booths set up for you to gather their information.

The event will start with a short walk around the park at 5:30 p.m., followed by a FREE BBQ. The BBQ will be open to those who walk first and then to the other's attending.

For more details or questions on how your organization can get involved, contact Corporal John Adams with the Hastings Police Department at 402-461-2380 or Mikki Shafer at the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce at 402-461-8400.



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