Our Earthquake Story: One Year Later

As we approach the anniversary of the November 30, 2018 earthquake, we are reminded of the resilience of our communities, the dedication of our employees, and the integrity of our pipeline infrastructure.

Vine Road was one of the more visibly impacted areas of the earthquake. The aerial photos of this stretch of road were viewed around the world as they showed the force and impact of the quake. ENSTAR had a 6-inch plastic main pipeline and a 4-inch steel transmission pipeline along Vine Road. After the earthquake, ENSTAR engineers determined the quake moved these two lines approximately 13 feet from their original location. Since the earthquake, these lines have been surveyed weekly to confirm they were not leaking and that they continued to function safely.

In late August of this year, ENSTAR crews broke ground on a several-week project to install new pipelines along Vine Road. As with all ENSTAR projects, many teams came together to get the job done. Thank you to our customers who were patient during lane closures and temporary traffic delays.

With the new lines in place and in service, natural gas continues to flow safely and reliably to our customers in the Valley. Safety is our number one priority; Vine Road is just one example of how we deliver on this commitment to our customers every day.
The holidays are a busy time for everyone - including our firefighters. Kitchen fires are three times more likely to occur on Thanksgiving than any other day and 34% of these fires start when the stove is left unattended. Here are a few tips to safely enjoy good food and friends this Thanksgiving:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Don't use water on grease fires: Turn off the stove and smother the flames with baking soda and a tight-fitting lid. Call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- Ensure your stove is vented properly. Since natural gas stoves can produce carbon monoxide (CO), they should always be vented to the outside.
- Clean the stove top regularly. Remove grease build-up and debris around the stove to avoid triggering a fire.
- Maintain working smoke alarms. Keep a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy. To properly operate, remember APASS:
  1) Alert.
  2) Pull the pin.
  3) Aim low, pointing the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
  4) Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
  5) Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

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