

## **Excess Flow Valve Installation**

Excess Flow Valves are used as an added safety feature on natural gas service lines when there is accidental damage to the pipe. The Excess Flow Valve is installed on the service line as near as possible to the connection at the gas main. If there is accidental damage to the service line, an Excess Flow Valve is designed to reduce or stop the flow of natural gas.

An Excess Flow Valve will not protect against small gas leaks from underground piping, appliances, leaks at the gas meter or inside fuel line(s), or damage to the pipeline from major events, such as earthquakes and flooding. A gas leak of any kind must be reported immediately by calling (517) 265-2144.

Currently, Citizens Gas Fuel Company is installing Excess Flow Valves on new and replaced service lines for most single family, multi-family (apartment complexes), and small commercial buildings. However, you may request to have an Excess Flow Valve installed on the existing service line to your building or residence if you meet certain requirements. Please be advised the minimum cost to the customer to have an Excess Flow Valve installed is \$500, and depending upon the complexity of the excavation and installation, the cost to the customer may be more.

If you want more information about Excess Flow Valves, or wish to find out if you meet the requirements to have an Excess Flow Valve installed on the service line to your building or residence, contact **Citizens Gas Fuel Company** at **(517) 265-2144**.