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NATURAL GAS MATTERS

A BETTER TOMORROW STARTS TODAY.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG



Did you know that April is National Safe Digging Month? As the weather gets warmer, many of us will head outside to complete those outdoor projects we've been adding to our to-do list all winter. But if those projects involve digging, there's an important number you need to call before you dig: **811**.



To prevent injury, damage and service outages, it's imperative that all underground utility lines be identified before any digging project begins. Whether you're planting a tree, tilling soil, installing a deck or sprinkler system or setting fence posts, state law requires you to call 811 at least two full business days before you plan to dig to allow all utility line locations to be marked.

A free phone call to 811 from wherever you are will route your call to Okie 811, which will alert utility owners to mark buried assets within two full business days of the request. You may also submit a locate request online by visiting www.okie811.org.

After you call 811, line locators will use spray paint or flags to mark all buried utilities so you know not to dig near the markings. Each color indicates a different type of buried utility line, including natural gas, electric, sewer, water and telecommunication. These utility markings will fade after a few weeks.

It's easy, it's free and it's the best way to prevent injury to yourself or damage to underground utilities. So, during National Safe Digging Month, and any time of year, remember: *For all digging projects, no matter how small, be smart – make the 811 call!*

For more information about digging safety, visit the safety section of our website at www.oklahomanaturalgas.com.



UTILITY GRAFFITI: WHAT DO THOSE LINES MEAN?

Have you ever seen colorful lines spray-painted on the street or sidewalk and wondered what they were? It might not look very pretty, but this “utility graffiti” is there to help prevent damage to property and make construction activities safer.

Each color indicates a different type of buried asset, from natural gas pipelines to electric utilities and telecommunication cables. When a construction project is planned for a specific area, line locators mark all buried assets so workers know not to dig near the markings. While it may look like just a mess of lines to you, “utility graffiti” is actually a very important safety precaution; and unlike other graffiti, these utility markings will fade after a few weeks.

“Utility graffiti” isn’t just for construction companies. You, too, should call 811 two days before starting any digging project to have underground utilities marked free of charge.

TIME BETTER SPENT – AND MONEY BETTER SAVED

From cooking family dinners to bath time with your little ones, natural gas is there to help you get the most out of your quality time. And, with our Energy-Efficiency Program rebates, Oklahoma Natural Gas can help your family purchase new, high-efficiency natural gas appliances while saving money at the same time.

The Energy-Efficiency Program offers the following rebates:

- Natural Gas Heating System – up to **\$2,500**
- Natural Gas Water Heater – up to **\$850**
- Natural Gas Clothes Dryer – up to **\$550**
- Natural Gas Range – up to **\$200**

Visit www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates to learn more.



EASY LEMON PEPPER CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon lemon pepper seasoning
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, halved
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cloves garlic, minced

Directions:

1. Preheat your natural gas oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, lemon pepper, salt and lemon zest. Toss chicken in mixture until coated.
3. In a large, oven-safe skillet, heat olive oil over a medium-high natural gas flame. Add the chicken and cook until golden-brown on one side, about 5 minutes.
4. Flip the chicken and add the broth, butter, garlic and lemon slices to the skillet. Transfer to oven and bake for about 15 minutes or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit and sauce has thickened slightly.
5. Serve warm and top with sauce.