### VALLEY ENERGY MAY BILL INSERT

# **NATURAL GAS SAFETY "SCRATCH & SNIFF" CARD**

## Natural gas is a marvelous servant

Whether you use it for cooking, to heat your hot water, to dry your clothes, heat or air condition your house, natural gas is a marvelous servant, especially when conserved and used properly. Gas is dependable. Natural gas has a safety record that is outstanding. We work constantly to keep it that way.

#### **KEYS TO NATURAL GAS SAFETY:**

Leaking natural gas is dangerous. It can cause a fire or explosion. A natural gas leak is indicated by the strong smell of rotten eggs (the chemical mercaptan which is added to natural gas). Here are safety rules to follow if you smell the strong odor of mercaptan.

# DON'T -

- Operate anything electrical or light a flame
- Turn ON or OFF lights
- Use the telephone
- Turn ON or OFF the television or radio
- Turn ON or OFF a flashlight
- Turn on the gas range or other appliances
- Strike a match
- Open and automatic garage doo

### **DO** -

- Exit the building immediately
- Leave the door open on the way out
- Leave the area immediately if you are outside
- Go to another place and call Valley Energy at 570-888-9664 to report the leak
- Stay away until someone form the fire department, the gas company or emergency agency says it is safe to return.

A "SCRATCH & SNIFF" CARD THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO SMELL THE ODOR OF GAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT OUR SAYRE OFFICE OR CALL US AND WE WILL MAIL A CARD TO YOU.