



Important Information for Homeowners!

The Urbandale Building and Fire Departments would like to provide important information to Urbandale residents who have Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) gas pipe in their home.



What is CSST pipe?

CSST pipe is a flexible, metal gas piping system used in many homes constructed or remodeled since the early 1990s. The corrugated tubing can be identified by a yellow plastic coating. The picture to the right shows what yellow CSST looks like. You commonly will see it where your water heater, furnace, or fireplace are located.



What's the Potential Issue?

Many installations of CSST prior to 2010 do not have the appropriate bonding needed for the tubing. Proper bonding may reduce the risk of damage or fire from a lightning strike. Even a nearby lightning strike that does not strike a structure directly can cause damage to CSST tubing that is not properly bonded.



I can't tell if my CSST tubing is bonded, what should I do?

If you do not see any metal clamps or copper wire where your gas line enters your home from the outside or on any black iron pipe near CSST in your utility room, you are encouraged to contact an electrician or your home builder to assist you in determining the appropriate bonding that may be needed for the CSST in your home.



Additional CSST Bonding information can be found at: <http://www.csstsafety.com/CSST-solution.html>