



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR UNDERGROUND TANK**

### **PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT**

As of January 1, 2016, we are in compliance with the National Fire Protection Agency's Code 58 (NFPA 58), which mandates regular testing of an underground tank's cathodic protection system. This test ensures that the magnesium bags buried with your tank are actively protecting it from corrosion. As a homeowner, your responsibility is to adhere to the recommended schedule for testing and to maintain documentation stating the results of the tests. We anticipate that this documentation will be necessary during a property sale. Cathodic protection itself has been required since January 1, 2011. Rural Gas Company has been installing underground tanks with cathodic protection for the last 25 years, long before it was mandated.

### **FREQUENCY OF TESTS**

First test: six months after installation

Subsequent tests: every three years

### **WHAT IS INVOLVED**

Testing is a simple process where a meter is used to determine the voltage readings around your tank. In some cases, one additional part may be required to perform the test. If necessary, a dielectric union will be installed at the regulator to deliver accurate readings. You will be given the results for your records. A typical test will take less than one hour. If a dielectric union is required, the gas will need to be shut off and a technician will need access to your home to ensure that all pilots are lit and all appliances are working properly.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY TEST RESULTS ARE POOR OR I HAVE NO CATHODIC PROTECTION?**

In the unlikely event that your test results are poor, there are some relatively straightforward steps to correct this. If there is no cathodic protection or the magnesium bag has been consumed, anode bags can be added retroactively to your tank. This would require some excavation, labor and additional expense for the anode bags. Should this be necessary, our service manager would be in contact with you directly to schedule the work.

### **TO SCHEDULE YOUR TEST**

Contact our service department for scheduling at 203-364-5816