Let’s get ready for summer!

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For your safety and the safety of our employees, we are taking health precautions in all our facilities.

Please wear face masks and keep at least 6 feet apart from others while visiting our locations.

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Natural gas is America's most popular home heating fuel—heating more households than all other energy forms combined. Natural gas is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, and factories because it is efficient, clean, and reliable while at the same time a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources.

The safety of our customers is our top priority here at ORUD. While we never anticipate any issues with natural gas, we have extensive emergency plans in place should anything out of the ordinary occur. In our community, the Oak Ridge Utility District provides natural gas to more than 13,500 customers in parts of Anderson and Roane Counties through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines branch into household service lines. The pipes are typically made of “caution yellow” plastic or coated steel which helps prevent corrosion. The main lines are typically two to eight inches in diameter and are located roughly two feet or more below the surface, while service lines are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried twelve to eighteen inches below the surface.

Whether you’re installing an underground dog fence, running water to an outbuilding or post-hole digging for a new mail box post, underground piping and other utilities can be damaged. That’s why it’s important to “Call Before You Dig” or move earth in any way. Please call Tennessee 811 by dialing (811) at least 48 hours prior to any type excavation to have the buried utility lines located. This is a free service. You can help prevent third party damage by watching for suspicious activity and construction near the pipeline right-of-way. Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake.

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. If you smell this odor, or just think you might be smelling gas, leave the area immediately and call ORUD at 865-483-1377 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion.

Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America’s cleanest, most efficient energy source! This message is brought to you by ORUD as a public service. To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 865-483-1377.

-Jeff Patterson
VP of Operations

Grilled Ribs

**Ingredients**
3 lb. baby back pork ribs (1–2 racks)
Kosher salt
Freshly ground pepper

**Instructions**
Let ribs sit at room temperature 30 minutes.
Cut pork between rib bones into 2- or 3-rib sections.
Pat dry with paper towels. Season both sides generously with salt and pepper.
Prepare your gas grill to medium heat.
Grill ribs bone side down until deep golden brown, about 15 minutes.
Turn ribs and continue to grill until golden brown and crisp, about 15 minutes more.
Cut between bones into single ribs and transfer to a platter.

For more safety information go to www.orud.org