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Dollars spent at community-based merchants create a multiplier in the local economy, meaning that from each dollar spent at a local independent merchant, 2 to 3.5 recirculates in the local economy compared to a dollar spent at chain-owned businesses.

# The gift that keeps on giving

Shopping local is the ultimate gift you can give your community and it is an incredibly patriotic act. By shopping local, you keep your money local, investing in the place that invests in you.

*Read on for some inspiring reasons to shop local.*

**You make your town the place to be**

Local shops and businesses are what give a town its flavor. By spending money in local shops — especially those that support local makers — you are making a statement that you appreciate those trades and would like to see them remain in the area. Supporting those businesses can even attract

more people to your area. Towns and cities with vibrant downtown areas are hot spots during the shopping season, resulting in more revenue for many related businesses, organizations and tourism bureaus.

**You help shape your community**

A community's small businesses are what give a town or city its heart; these are places that help shape your town's character and personal brand. Locally

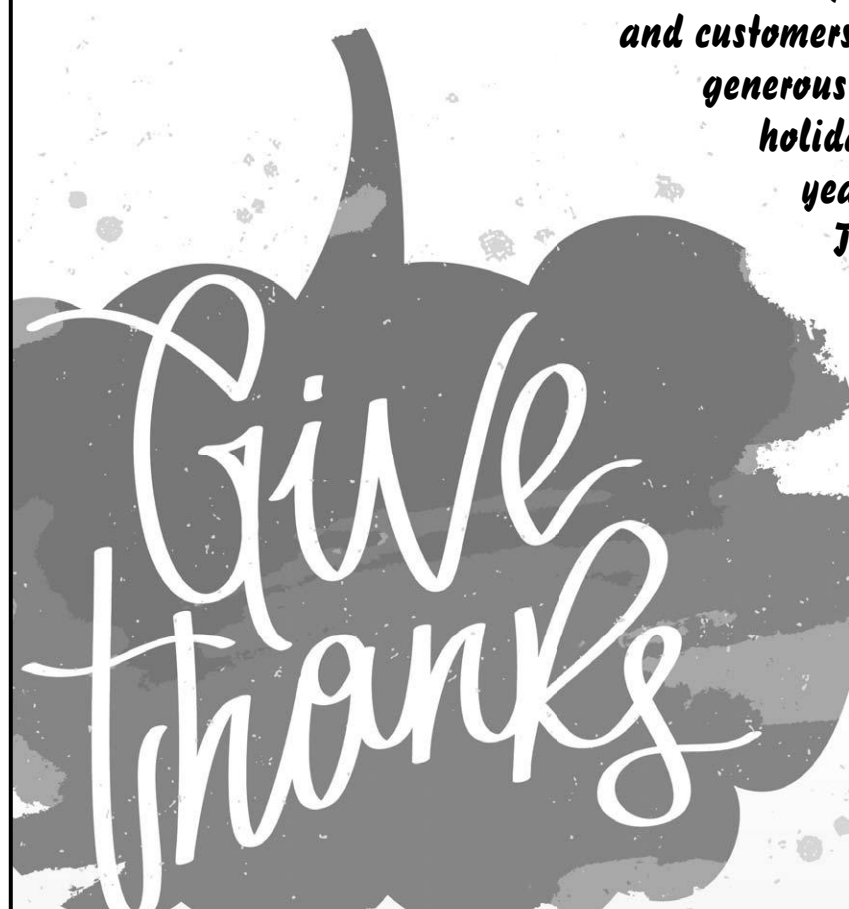
owned businesses tend to stock the items and products that they know will sell well. By purchasing from small businesses, you are helping to dictate the items they sell, as well as their overall success in the community.

**You support your neighbors**

Well, maybe not technically your neighbors, but definitely others who live in your area. Not only do small businesses account

for more than 99 percent of all the business in the country (that is a lot of jobs), but they support and give to local programs. One of the most popular ways small businesses give back is through sponsoring little league teams and major community events. And shopping local doesn't stop at purchasing gifts. Consider shopping local with your groceries or opening up a savings account at a local bank to save for your Christmas shopping all year round.

*We'd like to thank our dear friends and customers for their generous support at the holidays and all year. May your Thanksgiving be filled with an abundance of warmth, caring, friendship, food, fun and gratitude!*



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### SOUTH ALABAMA UTILITIES WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOU SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Natural Gas is colorless, odorless, lighter than air, and non-toxic. Breathing natural gas is not harmful as long as there is an adequate supply of fresh air to breathe along with it. Natural gas by itself will not burn, but with the proper mixture of gas and air combined with an ignition source combustion can occur. An odorant that smells like rotten eggs is added to natural gas so that it can be detected. The odor is a warning that natural gas may be present and, if ignited, could result in personal injury or property damage. If the smell of gas is present inside your home or business (no matter how faint or strong),

- DO NOT:**
- Smoke or strike a match
  - Operate any electrical switches or appliance controls
  - Pull any plugs from outlets
  - Use a flashlight or lighter
  - Use a telephone or cell phone from the building

If you SMELL A FAINT ODOR of natural gas **INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS** check to see if any appliances have been left on accidentally or if a pilot light has been extinguished, which would cause the odor (rotten eggs). If the odor persists, **TAKE NO CHANCES**, get out of the house immediately, then call us from a neighbors house. If a **STRONG OR PERSISTENT ODOR OF GAS** is present **IN YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**, or if you hear **A HISSING SOUND** of escaping natural gas, follow this procedure:

- Get everyone out of the building immediately.
- Leave the door open.
- Use a neighbor's phone or cellular phone outside of the building to call us. If you SMELL OR DETECT NATURAL GAS OUTSIDE, call us.

Leaks from natural gas pipelines are extremely rare, however it is important that you know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in your area. A strong odor, hissing sound or dirt blowing up from a hole are signs of a leak. Move away from and upwind of the suspected pipeline leak before calling us. Do not light matches, smoke, use a cell phone or attempt to start any motor vehicle while in the area of a possible gas leak.

#### FLAMMABLE VAPORS AND APPLIANCES ARE A DANGEROUS MIX

Vapors from flammable liquids like gasoline or kerosene can catch fire causing severe burns or property damage. VAPORS cannot be seen. They are heavier than air and can move along the floor a good distance from the original source by air currents coming from other rooms. An active pilot light on an appliance can provide an ignition source for these vapors. DO NOT use or store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents, or adhesives in the same room or area where a water heater or any other gas appliance is installed. KEEP FLAMMABLE PRODUCTS stored in approved containers with lids tightly closed and away from your children and appliances. Keep paper, curtains, paints, solvents, etc., away from gas appliances. They can be a fire hazard.

#### CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that can be formed when fuels like charcoal, coal, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, oil, propane or wood are burned without a sufficient supply of air. An appliance could produce carbon monoxide if:

- SYMPTOMS MIMIC THE FLU**  
The early effects of CO poisoning mimic the flu, so watch for these warning signs:
- Headache
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Dizziness and disorientation
  - Muscle weakness or fatigue

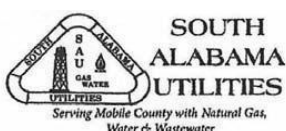
If the flu-like symptoms are NOT accompanied by fever, or if everyone in the family is ill, or

if the symptoms disappear when you leave the house, you may have a CO problem. Prevention is the only way to deal with carbon monoxide, and the best prevention is regular inspection by a trained service technician.

#### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Whether you are building a home, installing a sprinkler system, or just planting a tree, we want you to be safe. No matter the size of the project, before you dig, grade, or excavate the law requires you to call for all underground utilities to be located. Please contact your local One-Call Locate Center for more information at 811 on this free service.

**IF YOU ARE DIGGING AND EXPOSE A GAS PIPELINE, CALL US. PROPER ATTENTION TO PIPE THAT HAS BEEN EXPOSED CAN PREVENT PROBLEMS LATER.**



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