

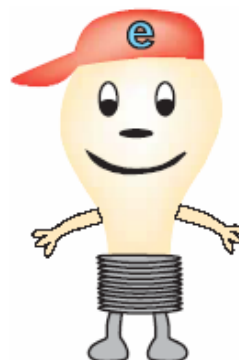
Learning about Utilities with Bob the RCA Regulator

Regulatory Commission of Alaska
Children's Activity Book

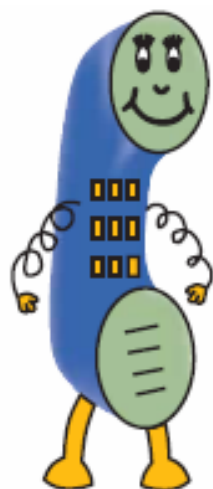


Hello! My name is Bob the Regulator. I'm from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska or RCA for short. I help make sure that all homes in Alaska have reliable and safe utility services. Right now, I am going to look at a house being built on Utility Street. Say hello to my friends who will help!

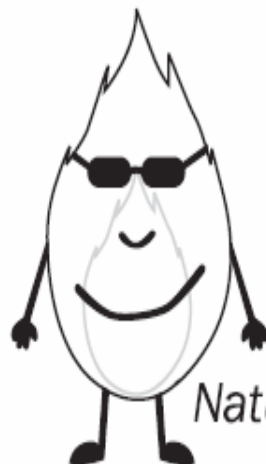
Electric Ernie



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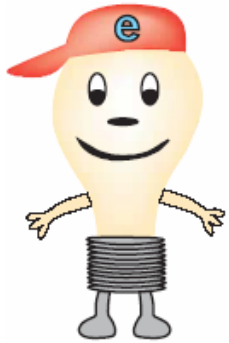
Natural Gas Gus



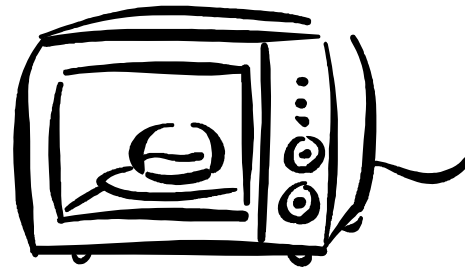
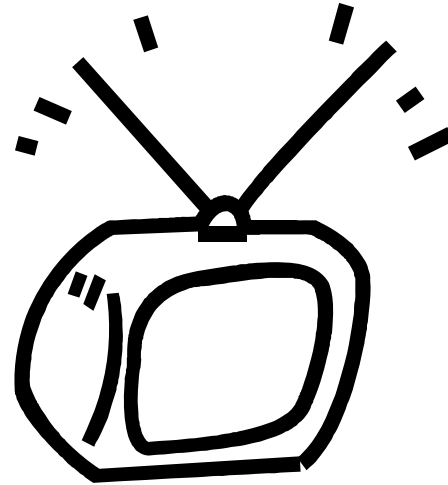
Water Wilma

A new house is being built on Utility Street, and it is almost finished. The family can't wait to move in to their new home! But before they can move in, the house needs to have utilities - electricity, natural gas, telephone and water service.

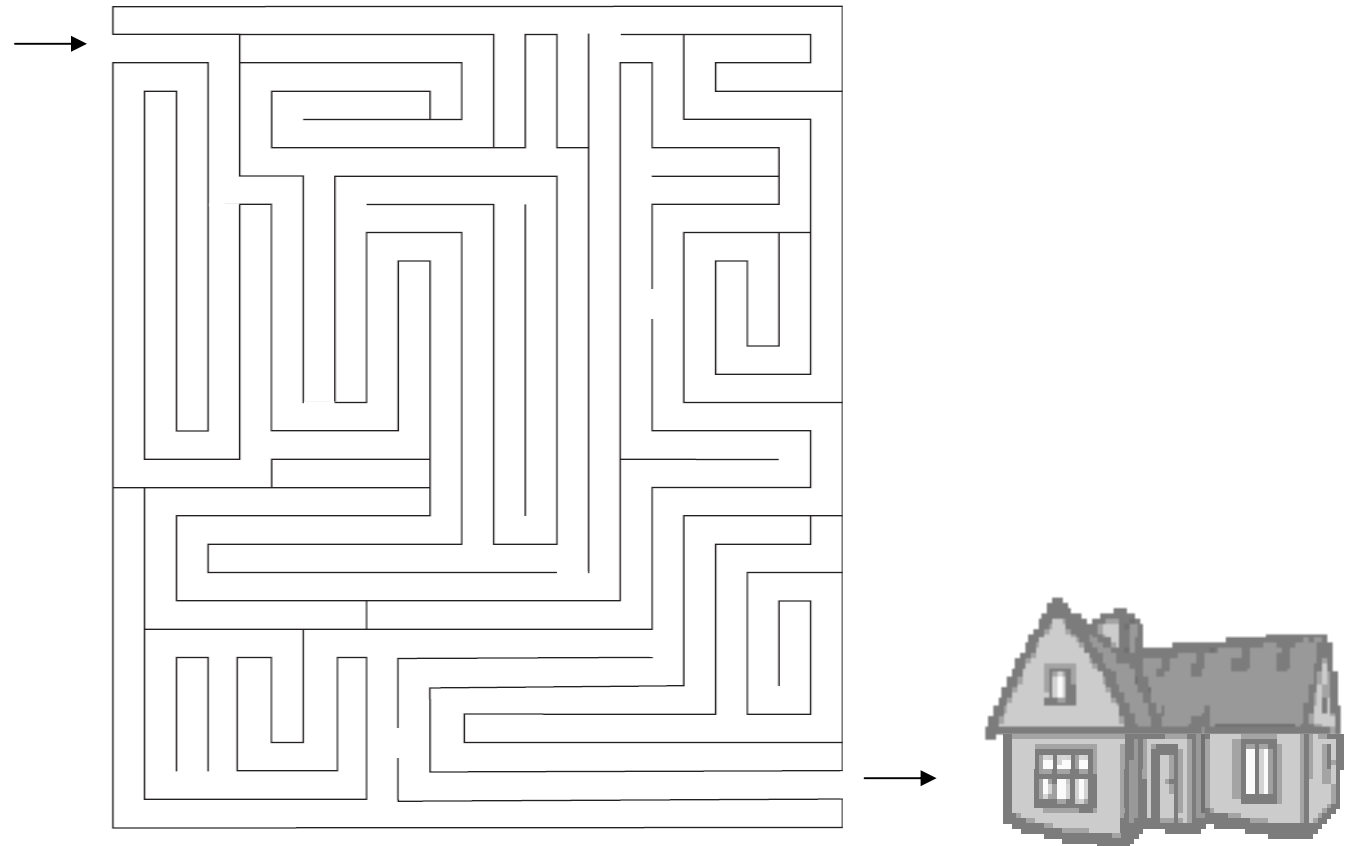
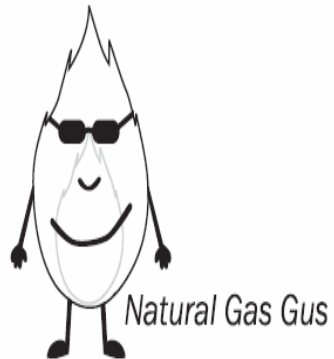




First, the house needs Electricity. Electricity is important because it gives things power to work. With electricity, the family can turn on lights when it's dark, keep food cold in the refrigerator, watch T.V. and use a computer. Can you imagine what life would be like without Electricity? Help me and Electric Ernie circle things on this page that are powered by electricity.



This house will need natural gas so the family can keep warm during cold Alaska winter! Can you help Natural Gas Gus find his way through the pipeline to the house?



Unscramble this important
message from Ernie & Gus and talk
to your parents about these safety
tips:

A V H E F N U N A D A P Y L F A S E
R A N O U D L E C R E T I I C T Y
D A N U R N A T L A S G A !

⚡ When you unplug something, pull from the plug, not the cord.

⚡ When you are plugging in something, make sure the plug fits easily into the wall socket.

⚡ Don't climb trees or fly kites, balloons, or other toys near power lines.

⚡ If you see a power line on the ground outside, tell an adult. Stay far away from the power line and anything that is around it.

🔥 Make sure to turn the oven off when it is not being used.

⚡ Keep electric objects away from the sink and bath. Find an adult if an electric object falls into water, and don't reach into the water.

🔥 Natural gas has a rotten egg smell added to it. Tell a grown-up if you smell something like this, it may be a natural gas leak.



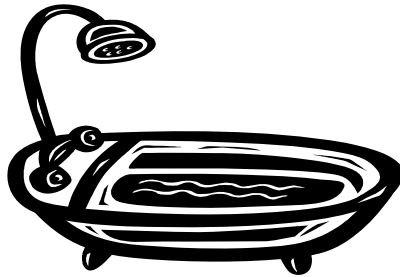
The telephone helps people stay in touch with your family and friends, and call 9-1-1 when there is an emergency. The family moving to Utility Street will need telephone service to call their family and friends. Telephone Tina is here with some words for you to find in the word search.

H	A	N	T	D	I	A	L	I	H	W	H	S	Q	T
A	E	L	A	N	H	R	I	N	G	H	D	M	J	A
N	J	L	Q	U	Y	L	H	K	L	O	C	A	L	L
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Telephone	Receiver	Dial	Talk
Hello	Cord	Local	Answer
Goodbye	Ring	Long Distance	Hang Up



This new house also needs clean water so the family has safe water for drinking, cooking and bathing. It is important to remember that water is a valuable resource, and we should be careful not to waste it. Water Wilma is here to tell us about some ways you can save water!



Only fill up the tub halfway when you are taking a bath, or take a short five-minute shower.



Turn off the water while brushing your teeth

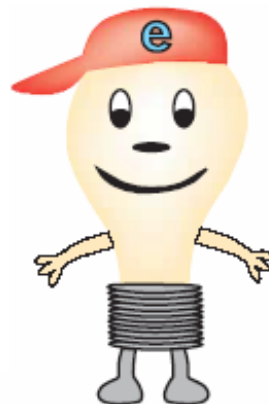


Ask your parents to water the lawn in the morning or the evening so less water is lost to evaporation.

Great Job! The house on Utility Street is all set up with electric, natural gas, telephone and water service. The family will be very comfortable and safe with these utility services. Just like the family moving to Utility Street, you and your family use utility services everyday.

The next time you watch T.V., answer the phone, or drink a glass of water, remember that the RCA is working for you to make sure your home has safe and reliable utility services!

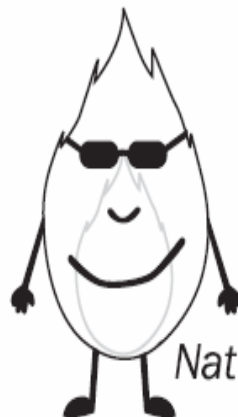
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Natural Gas



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If you have any questions about your utility service
or the RCA in general, talk to your parents or ask them
to contact the RCA at:

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