

LIVING SAFELY
With Natural Gas Pipelines
 Important Information for
 Excavators



Today, a network of 2 million miles of natural gas pipelines exists in the United States. These pipelines quietly, reliably and efficiently deliver natural gas throughout the country for domestic and industrial use. Natural gas pipelines are among the safest methods of transporting energy.

Guardian Pipeline operates an underground natural gas pipeline and other facilities in your area. Because you live and work in the vicinity of our pipeline facilities, we are providing this safety brochure as part of our pipeline damage prevention program. Please review this information and share it with others.

About Natural Gas and Transmission Lines

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel.

It moves silently, reliably and efficiently through an extensive network of interstate pipelines in the United States. Our system is part of that network. Pipelines lie underground, virtually unseen, and deliver large volumes of gas to their customers. While our pipeline company follows pipeline safety procedures, it is important for everyone living and working near gas pipelines to know basic safety information.

Facts About Natural Gas

Natural gas is:

- A colorless, odorless, tasteless fossil fuel that is clean burning.
- Lighter than air. It rises and disperses rapidly into the atmosphere, unlike heavier petroleum products like oil.
- Non-toxic.
- Not easily ignited on its own. To burn, gas requires both a precise amount of oxygen and an ignition source.

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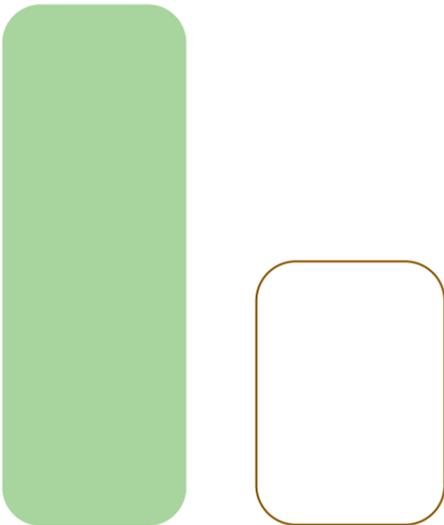
Damage Prevention

Because natural gas pipelines are underground, line markers are used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines. However, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the pipeline route can take twists and turns between markers. Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line.

Always call your state's One-Call Center before digging.

Excavation work, digging or grading are the most frequent causes of pipeline damage and failures.

Whether you are planning to build a major development, erect a fence or landscape your property, you should protect your safety and the safety of those around your work site by contacting your state's One-Call Center at least three days before you begin any work on or near the pipeline. There is no charge for this service.



Safety is our top priority

Whether or not you've notified the company in advance, **if you dig, hit, or contact the pipeline in any way, inform us immediately at 1-888-417-6275.**

A gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to a pipe or its coating may cause a safety problem. It is imperative that we inspect and repair any damage to the pipeline, no matter how minor it may seem. Failure to report any contact with the pipeline could result in fines.

If you hit or damage our pipeline no matter how minor the contact may seem call 1-888-417-6275 immediately.



Call before you dig – It's the Law

Before you begin any project, use your state's One-Call System. This service is available to you free of charge so that you can proceed safely with digging, trenching, blasting, excavating, drilling or plowing. Never guess where a pipeline is located, or how deep it is. When notified in advance by the One-Call Center, pipeline company personnel will stake the exact location of the pipeline. This is a free service, which gives you assurance that your safety will not be compromised, and our pipeline will not be damaged. Failure to contact the One-Call System prior to excavation could result in work stoppage or fines.



Call Before you Dig. It's the Law.

ILLINOIS

www.julie1call.com

Illinois one call: 1-800-892-0123

WISCONSIN

www.diggershotline.com

Wisconsin one call: 1-800-242-8511

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For EMERGENCIES call:
1-888-417-6275
Before excavating call:
Your State's One-Call Center

If you suspect a gas leak

DO leave the area immediately and warn others to stay away.

DO NOT move any equipment or vehicles in the area. Do not turn on any equipment ignition or attempt to move the equipment. If the equipment is running, do not attempt to turn it off.

DO NOT use an open flame or bring anything into the area like phones or lighters that could cause the gas leak to ignite.

DO NOT go near the area. Keep away from the site.

In the event of emergency, evacuate the area and immediately call 911.

Pipelines are part of the critical infrastructure of the U. S. energy grid.

Immediately following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, pipelines across America instituted heightened security measures. While pipeline companies and employees across the nation are on a heightened state of alert, we continue to monitor and patrol the pipelines regularly via aircraft, vehicles, and/or on foot. Please call local law enforcement if you see anything out of the ordinary in your area.