

Safety Around Natural Gas Pipelines

The leading cause of accidents on the pipeline delivery system is hitting a line when digging or trenching. You can avoid this problem by calling an underground line locating service. There's no charge for the service, and the call is toll-free.

Signs of a Natural Gas Pipeline Leak

- Blowing or hissing sound
- Dust blowing from a hole in the ground
- Continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas
- Gaseous or hydrocarbon odor
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Flames, if a leak has ignited

What to Do If You Suspect a Pipeline Leak

- Evacuate the area and try to prevent anyone from entering.
- Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.
- Avoid any open flames.
- Avoid introducing any sources of ignition to the area (such as cell phones, pagers, 2-way radios).
- Do not start or turn off motor vehicles/electrical equipment. This could cause a spark.
- Call 911 or contact local fire or law enforcement.
- Notify the pipeline company.
- Do not attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire.
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves.