PIPELINE SAFETY

What You Need to Know About Natural Gas Pipelines

Texas Gas Transmission, LLC is committed to operating its pipelines safely and acting responsibly in the communities in which we operate. We have prepared this pamphlet to ensure you are properly informed about our pipelines and to provide safety instructions.

Working Together For Safety

Texas Gas has been delivering natural gas to customers for more than 60 years. Our pipelines carry natural gas used to heat homes and fuel appliances throughout the Southern and Midwestern United States. Texas Gas provides transportation and storage services throughout nine states. Underground natural gas pipelines are the safest mode of energy transportation. We need your help to keep it that way. It is important for everyone who lives and works near natural gas pipelines to know the basic safety information provided in this pamphlet. By working together, we can keep our natural gas pipelines operating safely and quietly without disturbances or inconvenience to our neighbors.

Texas Gas has a damage prevention program to prevent damage to its pipelines from excavation activities. Excavation activities include excavation, blasting, boring, tunneling, backfilling, the removal of aboveground structures by either explosive or mechanical means, and other earthmoving operations. To learn the location of underground pipelines before excavation activities begin, contact 811.

Before You Dig

Federal law requires anyone who plans an excavation to contact the state's One-Call Center at least 2 - 3 business days prior to beginning work, according to individual states' requirements. Failure to comply may result in significant fines from state agencies.

Before you dig, please contact the National One-Call Center at 811.

- Give the One-Call Center your address and your digging location.
- Texas Gas will send a representative, at no charge, to mark its pipelines near your dig site.
- If you dig and come into contact with a pipeline, stop immediately and, from a safe area, contact Texas Gas at 1-800-626-1948.
- The company will inspect and repair any damage, no matter how minor. A gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to the pipe or coating could cause a safety problem over time.
- Federal laws require all damages to be reported to the facility owner.

General Information for Public Officials

A leading cause of pipeline leaks is third-party damage (excavation, digging, drilling, grading, logging, etc.). Whether you are planning to build a major development or just landscape, notify your state's One-Call Center and Texas Gas before you dig. If you will be crossing Texas Gas' right-of-way with motorized equipment or vehicles, please contact us or One-Call because special attention must be given to ensure that a pipeline is not subject to excessive weight. When notified in advance, we will mark the location of our pipelines and right-of-way and explain our construction guidelines. This **free** service allows you to begin your project with the assurance that our pipeline will not be damaged and your safety will not be compromised.

Planning and Zoning

When planning an activity that disturbs the earth, please contact Texas Gas to play a part in the land-planning process. Please visit the Texas Gas website to obtain a copy of the Developer's Handbook.

How To Identify Our Pipelines

Pipelines are generally buried underground, therefore, out of sight. To identify Texas Gas pipelines, markers like these are used to show their approximate locations.

Willful removal or damage of markers is a federal offense, and each offense is subject to a fine, or imprisonment, or both.

Here are some important facts about our markers and pipeline right-of-way:

- The purpose of a pipeline marker is to identify a pipeline right-of-way and to provide information about Texas Gas' pipelines including operator name; phone numbers, in case of a possible emergency; and the product inside.
- The pipeline right-of-way is the land over the pipeline, generally measuring 25 feet from each side of the pipeline.
- Markers indicate the general, not exact, location of a pipeline.
- Markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried or how many lines are in the area.
- It is important to know pipelines do not necessarily follow a straight course between two markers.
- Never rely solely on the presence or absence of pipeline markers – someone may have moved or removed the marker.
- To ensure the pipeline right-of-way is properly maintained, do not plant trees or high shrubs, and do not build permanent structures on the right-of-way.
- Do not dig on the right-of-way unless you have notified the One-Call Center. Federal law requires you to call the One-Call Center before digging on or near the right-of-way.
- Do not burn on the right-of-way.



How To Recognize A Pipeline Leak

Our pipelines are monitored 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by our Gas Control Center. In addition, periodic pipeline patrols and leak detection surveys are conducted by our field personnel. In the event of a leak or an emergency involving our pipelines, our field personnel are fully prepared to respond. Our response personnel also coordinate their efforts with public safety officials.

Natural gas is colorless and odorless, unless an odorant is added.

The following are signs that may indicate a leak:

- A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas).
- A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route.
- Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline.
- Flames originating from the ground or from valves along a pipeline route.
- Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas or in marshlands, rivers, creeks or bayous.
- A "gas smell" – **although odorant may not be present in a transmission pipeline.**

What To Do If You Notice Or Suspect A Pipeline Leak

Gas in the pipeline may be compressed at a very high pressure. You can be harmed if you come in direct contact with it as it escapes from the pipeline system.

- *Do not attempt* to extinguish a natural gas fire. Call 911 and Texas Gas.
- Do not make the telephone call from inside a structure if a leak is suspected nearby.
- *Turn off and abandon* vehicles and equipment in the immediate area.
- *Avoid* open flames or other sources of ignition. Do not light a match and do not start motor vehicles or electrical equipment near a suspected leak.
- If gas is not burning, avoid doing anything that may ignite it.
- *Evacuate* the area on foot upwind and warn others to stay away from the area.
- ***Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves. You may inadvertently route additional gas to the leak.***

How To Report A Pipeline Leak

If you feel the situation involves imminent danger, from a safe location, call 911 or your local public safety officials and describe the location and the situation. You should also report the leak to Texas Gas by calling 1-800-626-1948 if you suspect the leak is on one of our pipelines. Texas Gas' telephone number can also be located on our pipeline marker posts or pipeline signs. Give your name, the location and a description of the leak.

What Texas Gas Would Do In Case Of An Emergency

First, we take steps necessary to protect life and property by controlling the flow of natural gas through the impacted section of pipeline and calling emergency response organizations. We also immediately assemble and deploy a team of experts to the location to address the emergency.

Our primary concern is the safety of the community and our response team. Once all safety issues are addressed, we begin assessing any property damage resulting from the incident. We also take steps to preserve the integrity of the site and work closely with local, state and federal agencies to determine the cause of the incident and appropriate remedial measures.

24-Hour Emergency (Emergencia 24-horas)
or if you notice suspicious activity near our pipeline, call

1-800-626-1948

For non-emergencies call (Para casos que nosean de emergencia, llame)

270-926-8686

Please visit our company website for more safety related information at **bwpipelines.com/safety/pipeline-safety**

For additional information that is available for the public, please visit the **National Pipeline Mapping System** website at **npms.phmsa.dot.gov**.

Texas Gas encourages you to attend your local One-Call Center's meeting regarding underground utilities.

Para obtener un folleto en español, visite nuestro sitio web txgt.com.



Excavation is any operation for the purpose of movement or removal of earth, rock, or other materials by the use of powered, mechanical or manual means, including digging, augering, boring, backfilling, dredging, plowing-in, trenching, ditching and grading.

PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED IN YOUR AREA (PRODUCTOS TRANSPORTADOS EN SU AREA)

PRODUCT (PRODUCTO)	LEAK TYPE (TIPO DE FUGA)	VAPORS (VAPORES)
NATURAL GAS GAS NATURAL	Gas	Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipate. May gather in a confined space and travel to a source of ignition. Los vapores de los gases licuados son inicialmente más pesados que el aire y se propagan cerca del suelo. Los vapores pueden llegar hasta las fuentes de encendido y ocasionar que el fuego retroceda.
HEALTH HAZARDS PELIGROS PARA LA SALUD	Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at high concentrations. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. Son muy fáciles de incendiarse con el calor, chispas o llamas y forman una mezcla explosiva con el aire. Los vapores pueden causar mareos o asfixia sin dar ningún aviso y pueden ser tóxicos si se inhalan en concentraciones grandes. El contacto con gas o con gas líquido puede causar quemaduras, heridas graves y/o congelamiento.	

Pipeline Integrity Management Program

Texas Gas has developed and implemented a pipeline Integrity Management Program (IMP) to ensure a safe and secure pipeline in your neighborhood. Through this program, Texas Gas performs inspection activities, makes improvements and implements preventive measures to ensure public safety and safe pipeline operations. Contact your local Texas Gas office if you have information about new building or road construction activities or existing daycare facilities, churches, parks, schools, outdoor areas, or subdivisions near Texas Gas' pipeline. Texas Gas will verify these sites for inclusion into its IMP plan.

Police, Fire and Public Safety Officials

Consider the following as a guide to assist police, fire and public safety officials in safeguarding the public in the event of a pipeline emergency:

- If a Texas Gas pipeline or facility is involved, report the event and the location of the incident to us.
- Be aware of wind direction and potential ignition sources.
- ***Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves. You may inadvertently route additional gas to the leak.***
- Texas Gas will operate any valves needed to control gas flow to the area.

For a tour of our local facility, please contact a local Texas Gas office.



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our office directly or refer to our website.

811 Know what's below. Call before you dig.

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9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800
Houston, TX 77046
1-800-626-1948
bwpipelines.com

Scan here to go to the Boardwalk Pipelines website.



24-Hour Emergency (Emergencia 24-horas)
1-800-626-1948

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Pipeline safety information for your community

Please share this information with all public officials.

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Did You Make the Call?



Important Safety Message for Public Officials

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