

## Keep clear of right-of-way corridors

Enbridge Gas Ohio inspects the right-of-way corridors that help maintain the integrity and safety of natural gas pipelines. A right of way is a strip of land in which some of the property owner's legal rights have been granted to another. A right-of-way agreement, called an "easement," allows a company to construct, operate, repair and maintain facilities on the property. Easements are usually filed as a public record with property deeds.

Rights of way must be kept free of structures and other obstructions. Never dig without first calling the state's one-call notification system, **OHIO811**.

#### To ensure pipeline integrity:



**Do not** erect buildings or structures, or plant trees or other obstructions on pipeline rights-of-way.

**Do not** excavate, change the grade, impede or alter the flow of water within rights of way without Enbridge Gas Ohio's permission.



**Do not** move heavy equipment or logs across rights of way and avoid blasting within 1,000 feet of the pipeline without approval from Enbridge Gas Ohio.

## **Protecting the pipelines**

Enbridge Gas Ohio is committed to the safe, reliable and environmentally sound operation of its natural gas pipeline system. But all of us – pipeline operators, contractors, landowners and neighbors – have a responsibility to make sure this valuable natural resource is delivered efficiently and safely.

The natural gas pipeline network that crisscrosses the United States is one of the world's safest modes of fuel transportation. To keep the network safe, each year the industry spends millions of dollars on research and technology.

The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act requires pipeline owners to conduct risk analysis programs on distribution and transmission pipeline systems. These programs ensure that pipelines comply with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. The federal government requires operators to assess natural gas pipelines regularly and to act to prevent leaks and ruptures, especially in populous areas. Enbridge Gas Ohio complies with these requirements.

# Pipeline markers indicate underground facilities

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, line markers are used to indicate their approximate location. Markers are general, not exact, locators.

Markers do not tell how deep a pipeline is buried, nor do they necessarily indicate the number of underground lines. Pipelines do not always follow a straight course between two markers, so never rely solely on the presence or absence of pipeline markers. It is a federal crime to willfully deface, damage, remove or destroy a pipeline marker.



Visit **enbridgegas.com/ohio/ pipeline-integrity-management** for more information.

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# Natural Gas Pipeline Safety



### **Enbridge Gas Ohio**



### **Checking for corrosion**

Throughout the year, Enbridge Gas Ohio performs a variety of inspection and maintenance activities as part of our ongoing commitment to pipeline safety. One of the tasks that you may see our representatives perform is the inspection of outside metering equipment to look for atmospheric corrosion. If your equipment is accessible, no appointment is necessary. We'll notify you when we're working in the area. You don't need to be present for the inspection.

In the unlikely event that we discover a problem, we will contact you with the details of our findings.

#### **Trust your senses**

Outside or in, detecting a natural gas leak can be done with the help of your senses.

A familiar odor like rotten eggs is often added to the natural gas.



#### Trust your sight

Trust your smell

Blowing dirt, bubbling water or an unusual area of dead vegetation are all signs of a gas leak.



#### **Trust your hearing**

A leaking pipeline might also make a hissing sound you can hear.

### Securing your dog

Dog bites and attacks continue to be one of the more serious hazards our employees face every day. **Please help us** ensure the safety of your neighborhood and our employees who are there



**to serve you**. When our service representative is in your neighborhood, please confine your dog, if you have one. Ways to do this include:

- Enclosing the dog in a fenced-in yard or dog run. (Please do not rely solely on electronic, invisible underground fencing.)
- Placing the dog in a closed room or behind a locked door. If there are children or other residents in the home, please discuss the matter to ensure that they do not accidentally release the dog.

Our service representatives will not enter your house if a dog is not safely confined.

#### See something, say something

If you see unusual or suspicious activity near a natural gas pipeline or other company facility, please report it so we can protect our vital infrastructure.

Call our **Corporate Security at 1-800-684-8486** to report it. In an emergency, always call 911 first.

## Call before you dig

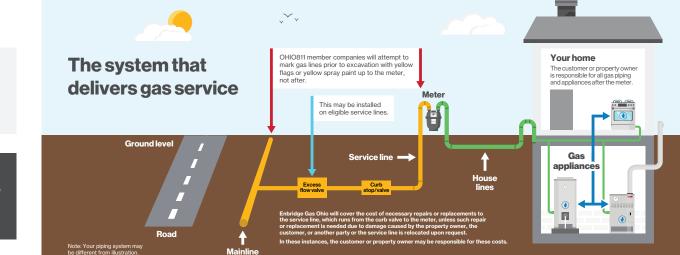
Excavation work is the leading cause of damage to natural gas lines and other underground utility facilities. Ohio law requires excavators, contractors and property owners to contact the state's one-call system OHIO811 by dialing 8-1-1, at least 48 hours but no more than 10 working days, excluding weekends and legal holidays before digging. This is a **free** service. OHIO811 will notify utilities to mark line locations so that you can avoid costly damage to underground utility lines.

Excavation near buried gas pipelines should be done by hand.



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





Suspect a natural gas leak?

Walk away, right away. Once clear of the area, call 911 and Enbridge Gas Ohio at **1-877-542-2630**.



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