

Pipeline Safety

INFORMATION FOR AFFECTED PUBLIC, EXCAVATORS, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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Natural Gas is all natural and inherently SAFE! Composed primarily of methane gas, natural gas is lighter than air, burns cleanly, and if released, rises and dissipates safely into the atmosphere.

York County Natural Gas Authority (YCNGA) is committed to ensuring the safe, reliable and environmentally sound transmission of natural gas.

More information on gas safety can be found at www.ycnga.com.

Our pipelines are operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety requirements by qualified professionals. The pipeline facilities undergo regularly scheduled comprehensive inspections to ensure safety. Pipelines continue to be one of the most reliable and safest modes of transportation in the United States.

BE ALERT TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



Since you live and work in an area near our transmission and service lines, we encourage you to take an active role in helping us keep our pipelines safe. Besides being aware of signs of a gas leak or digging along pipeline right-of-ways, please be alert to suspicious individuals or activities around our pipelines and contact police.

Our employees and contractors carry photo identification and will gladly show it upon request.

Pipeline Markers

Yellow pipeline markers are positioned along most pipeline routes, however there are pipelines located inside city streets or highway right-of-ways that are not marked. It's a federal crime to deface, damage, remove or destroy any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker.

While the markers are very helpful to indicate the presence of pipelines in the area, they do not show the exact location, depth, or number of pipelines in the right-of-way. Don't rely solely on the presence or absence of a pipeline marker. Always call SC811 to have underground utilities marked. It's a free service, and it's the law. Contact York County Natural Gas Authority at 803-323-5304 if you have any questions regarding a pipeline right-of-way.



Right of Ways

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over and around a pipeline. Right-of-ways are kept clear of obstructions to enable the gas company to safely operate, inspect, maintain and repair its pipelines.

It's important that property owners not install any structures, store anything that could be an obstruction, or plant trees or shrubs along the right-of-way.

Employees from YCNGA must be able to access right-of-ways. Visit www.ycnga.com for more information.

In Case of Emergency

If you or a contractor should accidentally come into contact with a gas pipeline or even the marker tape or tracer wire, please take IMMEDIATE action to protect the public and property, then call YCNGA who will dispatch qualified personnel.



**YCNGA 24-HR EMERGENCY:
866-201-1001**

**IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK:
CALL 911**

Take action to minimize hazards and cease all activity in the immediate area of the








The leading cause of pipeline damage is external force that occurs during excavation activities. Most damage is preventable. Any digging project that requires a shovel, requires a call to SC811.

Submitting a locate request to have underground utility lines marked is a free service to anyone doing large or small digging projects, and it's the law.

WHAT DO THE COLORS MEAN?

Locators use uniform color codes to mark underground facilities. Each color used represents a different type of utility. The chart depicts what each color represents.

Member utilities only mark the lines they install and maintain, which does not include privately owned lines. Private lines may include water and sewer services that a plumber installed, electric line that connects to a detached garage/workshop, sprinkler systems, pet fencing, etc.

UTILITY LINE COLOR CODE		Electric
		Gas/Oil/Steam
		Communication CATV
		Water
		Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
		Sewer
		Temporary Survey Markings
	Proposed Excavation	

How to Make a Request

SC811 is available to take your locate requests Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 5:30pm, excluding holidays, and is open 24/7 for emergencies.





sc811.com



mobile app



888 721-7877

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG... IT'S THE LAW

Once the request has

been made, SC811 notifies the member facility operators who are responsible for having the lines located. **Allow 3 FULL WORKING DAYS** (not including the day of the call) before starting the proposed work. Once lines have been marked, dig carefully allowing a 24-inch tolerance zone on either side of the markings. Always hand dig to expose facilities in the tolerance zone.

Detecting a Gas Leak

Leaks on pipelines are rare, but can occur. Because there are potential hazards associated with natural gas including fire or explosion, remember these safety tips:

Signs of a natural gas pipeline leak include:

- A sulfur smell like rotten eggs or a burnt match
- Dead or discolored vegetation
- A hissing or roaring sound
- Dirt or debris blowing into the air
- Persistent bubbles in streams, ponds or wet areas
- Flames (if a leak has ignited)

Natural gas, in its natural state, is colorless and odorless. Because of this a harmless, odorant is added to make it more readily detectable. These odorants produce a "gassy odor" that is usually described as a sulfur smell, like rotten eggs.

If you suspect a leak...

- Leave the area immediately and warn others to stay away.
- Do not use a phone or other device that could create a spark and ignite the gas.
- Once you are safely away from the area call 9-1-1, then call YCNGA at **866-201-1001**

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SPANISH TRANSLATION

CÓMO IDENTIFICAR UN ESCAPE EN LA CAÑERÍA

Los escapes en las cañerías de transmisión de gas natural ocurren raramente. A pesar de los mejores esfuerzos para evitar escapes en la cañería, ellos pueden ocurrir. Signos de escapes a lo largo del derecho de paso de la cañería incluyen:

- Vegetación muerta o descolorida
- Un silbido o sonido ruidoso
- Soplando suciedad o desperdicios al aire
- Persistentes burbujas en chorros, estanques o áreas mojadas
- Si se encienden llamas en el escape
- El olor a huevos padridos

QUÉ HACER SI SE DETECTA O SE SOSPECHA DE UN ESCAPE

Si usted nota cualquiera de estas condiciones, deje el área inmediatamente y advierta a otros que no se acerquen.

1. Contacte con su Departamento Local de Bomberos (911) y York County Natural Gas Authority al **(866) 201-1001**
2. Por favor dé su nombre y número de teléfono, una descripción del escape y su localización. Apague cualquier maquinaria o equipo y evite crear chispas.
3. No encienda un fósforo, ni ponga en marcha un motor, o prenda un interruptor eléctrico en el área

For more information, brochures or support contact us: publicawareness@ycnga.com

