

### Understanding Rights-Of-Way

A pipeline Right-Of-Way (ROW) is an easily recognizable corridor clear of trees, buildings and other structures except for pipeline markers. Maintenance personnel must be able to easily and safely access pipeline ROWs and areas on either side of the pipeline. Keep trees, buildings, fences, structures and other encroachments away from pipeline ROWs. If you plan to perform excavation work near a pipeline ROW, please call 811.

### Potential Hazards And Liability

Causing damage to a pipeline is dangerous. It could disrupt the flow of energy for an entire area and cause serious harm to anyone located nearby. In addition, the person or persons responsible for damaging a pipeline can potentially be held liable for fines and repair costs. One simple phone call to 811 before a dig can help avoid these hazards and repercussions.

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Important information regarding pipelines in your area.

## Don't Be The Cause Of A Pipeline Accident. Call Before You Dig.

Digging of any sort, even just to plant a shrub or install a mailbox, can cause damage to a petroleum pipeline – damage which could spread quickly to nearby properties. To prevent an accident from occurring, you should call the national “Call Before You Dig” hotline at 811 or contact your state’s One Call center at least 3 days prior to your dig. One Call center numbers can be found on call811.com or your state’s “Dig Safely” website. Keep in mind that most states require you to make this call by law. Afterwards, a trained technician will visit the property to mark the boundaries of the pipeline at no cost to you, allowing you to dig safely.

## What To Do In Case Of Damaging/Disturbing A Pipeline

If you cause or witness even minor damage to a pipeline or its protective coating, please immediately notify the pipeline company. Even a small disturbance to a pipeline may cause a future leak. A gouge, scrape, dent or crease is cause enough for the company to inspect the damage and make repairs.




## How To Locate A Pipeline

Warning markers are used to alert the public of underground pipelines. These are typically yellow and black in color and display the type of pipeline, as well as the name and phone number of the pipeline’s operator. It’s important to note that these warning markers do not reveal the precise location or depth of a pipeline and cannot be used to define a safe dig area.



## How To Recognize A Pipeline Leak

Use these three senses to determine if a pipeline leak has occurred.

-  **SIGHT** – Dead or discolored vegetation around otherwise healthy plants, bubbling liquid, or a dense white fog are visual indicators of a possible pipeline leak.
-  **SOUND** – Any unusual noises near the pipeline, especially hissing or roaring, are indications of a pipeline leak.
-  **SMELL** – An unusual odor coming from the pipeline area may indicate a leak.

## What To Do If You Suspect A Pipeline Is Leaking

### DO

- Turn off equipment and eliminate ignition sources if there is no risk of injury
- Leave the area immediately. Travel upwind and/or uphill
- Advise others to stay away
- Call 911 or your local emergency response number, as well as the pipeline operator (if known) once you reach a safe location

### DO NOT

- Approach the suspected leak area
- Attempt to correct the problem yourself
- Come into contact with escaping liquids or gas
- Drive into the affected area
- Use electronics, or do anything that could create a spark near the suspected leak (lighting a match, switching on equipment or lights, etc.)

