

Pipeline location

It's likely that you work or live near natural gas pipelines. Since pipelines are buried underground, we often use markers to show the approximate location – particularly in rural areas. The markers display the following:

- Approximate location of pipelines;
- Material transported in the pipeline;
- Name of pipeline operator; and
- Operator telephone number in case of an emergency.

However, not all lines are marked, so it is critical that you contact your state's One Call Center before digging.



Pipeline rights-of-way (easements)

Pipelines often run along a public street, but may also be near or on private property. The area on each side of the pipeline is called the right-of-way. The owner of the underground pipeline has the right to restrict certain activities within that right-of-way (even on private property). Right-of-way locations are usually recorded with counties or local municipalities and filed on maps. If you are planning a construction project, please contact your local utility and government office.

For more information on natural gas pipeline safety, call 1-800-257-3645 or visit www.alliantenergy.com/pipelinesafety.

Para solicitar una versión en español de este folleto, llame al 1-800-257-3645 o visite www.alliantenergy.com/espanol

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Staying safe around natural gas pipelines



Natural gas comes into homes and businesses through a network of underground pipelines that may be located on or near your property. In fact, about 69 million Americans rely on natural gas to heat their homes and cook meals for their families. Not only is it a clean, efficient and convenient energy source, the pipelines used to transport natural gas have exceptional safety records. However, like electricity, it can be dangerous and must be respected.

Our commitment to your safety

Alliant Energy works closely with government and industry groups to ensure our pipelines stay safe and secure. Here are a few of the things we do to keep communities safe:

- Provide training and educational materials to contractors and related businesses on safe excavating practices;
- Inspect our natural gas system;
- Ensure our workforce is trained and qualified;
- Design pipelines to ensure the safe delivery of natural gas;
- Mark and map pipeline facilities;
- Invest in new technologies and pipeline integrity programs; and
- Work with local emergency responders to help prevent and prepare for emergencies.

Our commitment to educating you

Equally important to safe pipeline operation is an educated public. Whether you are a natural gas customer or live near a pipeline, it's important to know how to prevent, recognize and respond to natural gas leaks.

Call before you dig

Damage from excavation is the most common cause of underground gas leaks. If you're planning to do any outdoor work, such as landscaping, installing a fence or building a deck, state laws requires you to **call before you dig**. Just contact your state's One Call Center at least three days before you start a project. The One Call Center will notify utilities in the area that they need to mark the location of underground lines on your property. **This service is free of charge.**

- Wisconsin: Diggers Hotline 1-800-242-8511
- Iowa: Iowa One Call 1-800-292-8989
- Minnesota: Gopher State One Call 1-800-252-1166
- Illinois: JULIE 1-800-892-0123

Some additional tips

When you start digging, try to stay at least 24 inches away from the marked lines (distance requirements vary by state, so ask for guidelines when you contact the One Call Center). If you're planting a tree, remember to consider the length of the roots as the tree matures, and don't plant larger trees under power lines.

If you contact an underground line, call Alliant Energy at 1-800-257-3645 or your local utility right away.

Natural gas leaks – use your eyes, ears and nose

Although leaks from natural gas pipelines are rare, it's important to know the warning signs. Use your **eyes**, **ears** and **nose**, and call Alliant Energy if you:

- **See** unexplained dead or dying grass or other vegetation near a pipeline, or dirt or debris blowing into the air; or bubbling water.
- **Hear** an unusual hissing, whistling or roaring sound.
- **Smell** an odor like rotten eggs. Natural gas is odorless and tasteless, so we add an odorant to the gas. This makes even the smallest leak easy to detect. Most transmission lines, which are larger and operate at a higher pressure than the lines that bring natural gas to your home, are not odorized. That's why it's important to look for and report any of the other warning signs listed above.

If you notice any of these warning signs:

- **Leave** the area immediately.
- **Don't stop** to open windows.
- **Don't touch** anything that might create a spark, such as a light switch, telephone, cell phone or a garage door opener. If possible, stay away from carpeted areas to avoid sparks of static electricity.
- **Call Alliant Energy** or your natural gas provider from a remote location, and we'll send someone to investigate the situation.

