

# 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. We operate pipelines up to 42" in diameter with pressures up to 1,400 psi. 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.

### Coordinated Effort

Should an emergency occur, our objective is to resolve the situation quickly and safely. Two-way communication with emergency responders is critical for this resolution. Texas Gas needs immediate access to the incident location in order to assess and develop a plan to resolve the situation.

### 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.

**Texas Gas and other pipeline operators sponsor and participate in liaison meetings with emergency responders to exchange information about our pipelines. We need to understand emergency responders' capabilities in responding to pipeline emergencies. We encourage you to participate in these meetings.**

**Before disturbing the earth, please call the National One-Call Center at 811.**

### 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.
- If you can help us identify high consequence areas (generally, areas where people gather or where residences are constructed in reasonably close proximity), please contact the local Texas Gas office.
- For your safety, we recommend you coordinate your efforts with Texas Gas personnel before entering any Texas Gas facility.

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

### 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.

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 Texas Gas at 1-800-626-1948.
- 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

You should 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.

### 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 institutes other preventive safety measures, including identifying any construction activities near our pipeline facilities. Contact your local Texas Gas office if you have information about new buildings or sites such as daycare facilities, churches, parks, schools, outdoor areas, or facilities that could be considered as Identified Sites near Texas Gas' pipeline. Texas Gas will verify these sites for inclusion into its IMP plan.



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



**24-Hour Emergency (Emergencia 24-horas)**

or if you notice suspicious activity near our pipeline, call

**1-800-626-1948**

For non-emergencies call

**270-926-8686**

Please visit our company website for more safety related information at [bwpipelines.com/safety/default.aspx](http://bwpipelines.com/safety/default.aspx)

For additional information that is available for emergency responders, please see the PIMMA link on the NPMS website.

**National Pipeline Mapping System**  
[npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://npms.phmsa.dot.gov)

For additional information concerning emergency response training for gas fires, go to <http://pipelines.training>

Para obtener un folleto en español, visite nuestro sitio web [txgt.com](http://txgt.com)



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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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For information more specific to your area, please contact the local Texas Gas office.



Scan here to add Texas Gas Transmission's contact information to your personal contact list.



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**1-800-626-1948**

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**You may need to respond to a gas pipeline emergency!**  
Please share this information with all potential responders.

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**Did You Make the Call?**



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**Important Safety Message for Emergency Responders**