

LET'S BE SAFE AROUND NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

Natural gas pipelines carry efficient and resilient fuel to businesses and homes across Florida. Pipelines are critical connections within the overall infrastructure needed to safely deliver energy where and when you need it.

While pipelines are the nation's safest and most reliable energy transportation system, they do create potential hazards that we all want to avoid. Peoples Gas considers a natural gas leak our first priority and our team is trained extensively on leak response. We also work closely with First Responders on how to effectively act during these emergencies to help keep our communities safe.

Know the signs

Yellow markers are used to identify the general area of pipeline routes, particularly at road crossings, fence lines and street intersections. These markers don't indicate the exact location or depth of the pipe and do not cancel the need for utility location services to mark areas before digging. Peoples Gas will always need access to pipeline rights-of-way to complete routine maintenance, surveillance, inspections and emergency response to third-party damage.

Use your senses to identify potential hazards

Remember the following to help you identify a possible natural gas leak when you are walking around your home, business or neighborhood:

- **Smell** Rotten egg odor
- **Sight** Watch for blowing dirt, bubbling water or dry spots and dead plants surrounded by live green plants.
- **Sound** Listen for hissing or high-pitched whistling.

If you suspect a leak, leave immediately. Don't touch anything, including your cell phone. Don't smoke, turn appliances on or off, or operate any vehicle or equipment that could create a spark. Once you are safely out of the suspected area call **1-877-832-6747**. If the smell of natural gas is strong, dial **9-1-1**.

Help prevent damage

No one wants to be without electricity, internet or natural gas service. We also want to stay safe in our neighborhoods and the areas where we work. That's why calling 811 is so important. Contractors and homeowners hitting pipelines during digging projects is the no. 1 cause of natural gas leaks.

Contact 811 two full business days before starting any digging project - including on your own property or job site. Trained professionals will visit the property to mark underground utility lines for free. Safe digging is easy, and smart. Simply call **8-1-1** or visit sunshine811.com.



Learn more

Check out peoplesgas.com/pipelineawareness for more information and helpful resources.

