

IF YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A PIPELINE

How can you tell where a pipeline is located?

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, line markers are used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines. However, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the route can take twists and turns between markers.

Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line. Always call the Iowa One-Call Center at 811 or 1-800-292-8989 before digging. It is a crime for any person to deliberately damage, destroy or remove any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker.

Pipelines can lose cover through natural erosion or other forces. Certain types of deep farming activities require advanced notification. Some examples are: chisel plowing, waterway work, and tiling. If you observe indicators that a pipeline is shallow or exposed, contact the Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities at 712-852-2550.

What is a pipeline right-of-way?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The right-of-way agreement between our Utility and the property owner is called an easement. Easements provide our Utility with permanent, limited access to the land to enable us to operate, test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipeline.

Can I build/dig on a right-of-way?

Roll-out containers will not replace existing dumpsters. For multifamily housing without a dumpster, each unit/address will receive a roll-out container unless other arrangements have been made with the property owner.

Who should I call if I detect a gas leak in my home?

If you suspect a natural gas leak inside your home or on your service line, immediately evacuate the premises and contact Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities at 712-852-2550.