



On the Mark for Safety

Those yellow natural gas pipeline warning signs or posts you occasionally see play a key role in keeping us all safe. Pipeline markers indicate the general proximity of underground high-pressure transmission pipelines, the product transported through these pipelines (yellow for natural gas and petroleum products) and the name and phone number of the pipeline operator to call in the event of an emergency – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Make a note of this important information if there is a high-pressure transmission pipeline on your property or in your neighborhood.



Federal law requires the use of these pipeline markers, which may be placed in the vicinity of, or as close as practical to, a pipeline or anywhere in the pipeline right-of-way (ROW), a strip of land that covers the pipeline. Markers are also commonly found where the pipeline intersects a street, railway or waterway. At times, the pipeline may not follow a straight course between the markers. These markers only signify the presence of the pipeline and do not indicate its depth, exact location or the number of pipelines in the ROW. And, since line markers could be damaged or destroyed due to property maintenance activity and vandalism, never rely solely on their presence or absence to indicate an exact pipeline location.

Always call 811 before you dig near a pipeline marker – or anywhere else. **It's FREE and it's the LAW!**

It is a federal crime for any person to willfully deface, damage, remove or destroy a pipeline marker or pipeline facilities. If you notice any damage, please call us immediately at 800-221-0051.

Natural Gas Piping Safety and Sewer Work Safeguards

It is not uncommon across the country to find places where natural gas pipelines were inadvertently installed through sewer pipes. This is not a safety hazard as long as the natural gas pipeline is not damaged. HOWEVER, damage could occur when equipment is used to unclog sewer pipes. You, your plumber or contractor **MUST** call 811 or 800-272-1000 for a **FREE** emergency markout before snaking any sewer line. **Know what's below. Call before you snake.**



**New Jersey
Natural Gas**

Gas Leaks: 800-GAS-LEAK (800-427-5325)

All other calls: 800-221-0051

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Tampering is Illegal

Tampering with natural gas meters endangers life and property. This unlawful act may lead to discontinuance of service, criminal prosecution or both. Please report any suspicious activity immediately to 800-221-0051 or to our confidential theft-of-service hotline at 800-631-6041.

Safety Q & A

What is a pipeline ROW?

The strip of land over a natural gas pipeline is known as a right-of-way or ROW.

What do I need to do if a ROW is on, or near, my property?

The ROW must remain free of structures or impediments so NJNG employees can have easy, unobstructed access to the ROW at all times. Please be sure that any fenced area has a gate. Prior to doing ANY work in the ROW, you must contact NJNG at 800-221-0051.

What does NJNG do with the ROW?

NJNG maintains the ROW to ensure the safety of the pipeline, clearing it, mowing and, in some cases, removing trees. NJNG crews regularly patrol the ROW, looking for damage or activity by excavators, and to conduct routine maintenance and leak detection surveys.

What is an easement?

An easement is an agreement between NJNG and a property owner that provides NJNG with permanent, limited interest in and access to the land in order to protect and maintain the pipeline.

Winter Meter Safety

Winter is on its way. Don't forget your natural gas meter when you're shoveling snow. Follow these important safety tips:

Keep your meter area free of snow, ice, debris and other obstructions that could cause corrosion and a possible natural gas leak.

Use a broom to carefully remove snow from your meter.

Carefully remove any ice from the portion of your roof hanging over your meter.

Take care when shoveling, plowing or using a snow blower in the area around your meter.

Do not use sharp tools or instruments on or near the meter.

Never tie anything – including a dog leash, guy wire or ground wire – to a meter or its piping as this may cause a hazardous condition.

Do not lean ladders or any metal objects against the meter.

Please ensure our employees always have easy, safe access to your meter in case of an emergency.

If you believe your natural gas meter is in an unsafe location, such as too close to a driveway or under a deck, call us at 800-221-0051 or e-mail customerservice@njng.com for an assessment.

