

GRAYSVILLE GAS AND WATER

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety – It's a Shared Responsibility

Pipeline safety is a responsibility that's shared among many people, including pipeline company personnel, the federal and state agencies that oversee natural gas pipelines, public safety officials and – equally as important – our neighbors who live and work near pipelines. That's why YOU are an integral part of the safe operation of natural gas pipelines.

In Case of a Gas Emergency

Any one of these is a sign of a suspected natural gas pipeline **LEAK**:

- Whistling or hissing sound;
- Distinctive, strong odor, often compared to rotten eggs;
- Dense fog, mist or white cloud;
- Bubbling in water, ponds or creeks;
- Dust or dirt blowing up from the ground; or
- Discolored or dead vegetation above the pipeline right of way.

Follow these steps:

- **Carefully evacuate the immediate area** to where you can no longer hear, see or smell the gas
- Avoid introducing any sources of ignition in the area
- **Do not start or turn off motor vehicles or electrical equipment** (such as cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, or lights) as **this could cause a spark**
- Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area
- Avoid any open flames
- Discourage others from entering the area
- **Call 911** or contact the local fire department or law enforcement from a safe location
- Notify the operator of the pipeline
 - **Graysville Municipal Gas System – (205) 674-5643** option 1

Alabama 811 – Call Before You Dig

While knowing what steps to take in the event of a gas emergency, such as a broken gas line, it is also beneficial to know what preventive actions to take to avoid such situations.

- To have underground utility lines located:
 - **Dial 811** (toll free inside Alabama)

Two important things to remember:

- Do not attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves or equipment