

## Recognizing a Gas Leak

Although natural gas is odorless, colorless and nontoxic, a leak usually is detectable through the senses. You can spot a natural gas leak:

### By Smell...

- Because natural gas is odorless, a sulfur-based odorant is added to give it a repugnant smell and warn of its presence. Be alert for this gas odorant or any petroleum smell.

### By Sight...

- Natural gas in pipelines is very dry. Escaping gas dries out nearby soil, so discolored soil or dead vegetation near a pipeline may indicate a leak.



- Look for dirt appearing to be thrown into the air.
- A natural gas leak near water may cause bubbles.
- Look for fire above the ground or coming out of the ground.

### By Sound...

- Leaks may make a loud, high-pitched whistle or roar.

If you suspect a gas leak, please leave the area immediately. As soon as you get to a safe area, call our 24-hour, **toll-free emergency telephone number** at **1-800-535-3000**.

## Call Before You Dig: It's the Law

Many homes and businesses today are connected by an underground network of natural gas and water pipes, power lines, telecommunications wires and other materials. It is impossible to know where all these underground facilities may be in a given area, and it is risky to dig without knowing.

Whether you are putting in a deck, planting a tree or doing any type of digging, remember: state law requires you to call the **Ohio Utilities Protection**



**Service** 48 hours before you dig. Weekends and legal holidays are not included in the calculation of the 48-hour notice. The toll-free number is **1-800-362-2764**.

This free call can help protect your family and neighbors from legal, financial and, most importantly, physical harm that can result from damage to a buried utility line. Respect identification markings. Dig with care.

## Toll-free Telephone Numbers to Keep Handy:



**Call Before You Dig**  
Ohio Utilities Protection Services  
1-800-362-2764

**24-hour Emergency**  
Dominion East Ohio Gas Control Emergencies  
1-800-535-3000

**Customer Service Center**  
Dominion East Ohio for inquiries, services and to report security issues  
1-800-362-7557



# Gas Pipeline Rights-of-Way:

*What You Need to Know*



## Gas Pipeline Rights-of-way

**Dominion** is committed to the safe, reliable and environmentally sound operation of its natural gas pipeline system. But all of us—pipeline operators, contractors, landowners and neighbors—have a responsibility to make sure this valuable natural resource is delivered efficiently and safely.

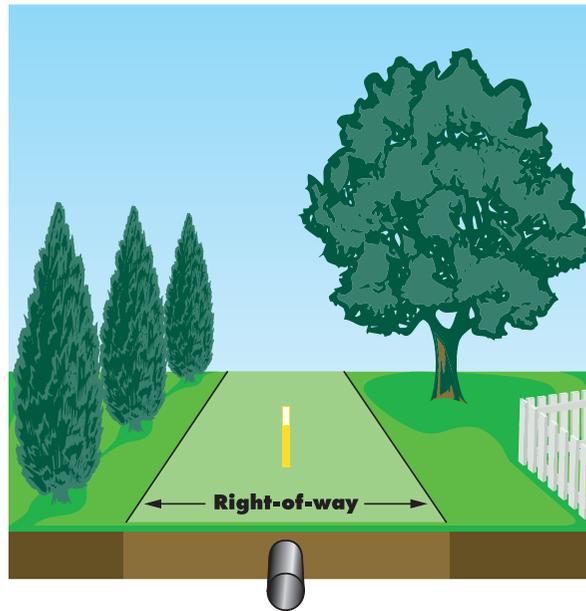
This brochure is part of Dominion's effort to educate the public about its natural gas pipelines. It explains rights-of-way and tells how to spot natural gas pipeline markers. It contains information on pipeline security and tells how to recognize and report leaks. This publication also has a section on the state's one-call notification system, which helps consumers locate underground utility lines before they dig or excavate.

Natural gas has enhanced the lives of many Americans by providing inexpensive fuel to heat our homes, cook our meals and run our factories. Let's all work together to ensure uninhibited and safe access to this natural resource by keeping our rights-of-way clear.

## What is a Right-of-way?

Rights-of-way corridors help maintain the integrity and safety of natural gas pipelines. A right-of-way is a strip of land in which some of the property owner's legal rights have been granted to another. A right-of-way agreement, called an "easement," allows a company to construct, operate, repair and maintain facilities on the property. Easements usually are filed as a public record with property deeds.

Rights-of-way must be kept free of structures and other obstructions. Never dig without first calling the state's one-call notification system. No one should store nor place anything on easements.



The depth of the pipeline and the right-of-way width may vary.

## Markers Indicate Underground Facilities

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, line markers are used to indicate their approximate location. Markers are general—not exact—locators. Markers do not tell how deep a pipeline is buried. Nor do they necessarily indicate the number of underground lines. Pipelines do not always follow a straight course between two markers, so never rely solely on the presence or absence of pipeline markers. Please remember: before you dig always call the **Ohio Utilities Protection Service** toll-free at **1-800-362-2764** to make sure you don't hit a utility line.

It is a federal crime to willfully deface, damage, remove, or destroy a pipeline marker.

## Pipeline Security

Dominion would like you to be part of its pipeline security plan. Dominion employees are required to wear official identification badges. Most Dominion vehicles have a corporate logo. If you observe any suspicious person or activity around a company facility, call our **Customer Service Center** toll-free at **1-800-362-7557**.

