



## Black Hills Energy cares about you and your safety



Gas pipelines are typically underground. In some cases, sections of pipeline can be above the ground. These top-of-ground pipeline segments are generally visible to the eye since the pipe is directly on the ground or elevated on structures that support the line. Pipeline markers are along the general path of the pipeline.

Be aware of top-of-ground pipelines and attached meters near your home or workplace. For your safety and everyone else's, use care when

farming, digging or operating equipment including vehicles, near top-of-ground pipe. Call 811 at least two working days before digging near top-of-ground pipeline to notify us about your upcoming project.

If you cause even minor damage to a pipeline, state law requires that you notify the pipeline company and/or your local One Call Center so that pipelines and other utility lines can be inspected and repaired if necessary. Remember, even a small disturbance to a pipeline's integrity may cause a future concern.

## Top-of-ground pipeline

We operate natural gas distribution and/or transmission pipelines near your home or work that may be above ground. Use care when working or driving near top-of-ground pipe and know the signs of a possible gas pipeline leak.



### What you may SEE:

- Unexplained areas of dead vegetation where the surrounding area is green.
- A meter dial that continues to move after all natural gas appliances and equipment have been shut off.
- Blowing dirt or bubbling water.



### What you may SMELL:

- In all urban and most (but not all) rural settings, natural gas utilities add an odorant to the gas. Most people compare the odor to the smell of rotten eggs or another peculiar odor. Regardless, most people agree that it's not a pleasant smell.



### What you may HEAR:

- Listen for a hissing, roaring or bubbling sound from the ground or standing water near a pipeline.

If you smell gas, dent, scrape or hit a pipeline, immediately leave the area, call 911 and notify us at **800-694-8989**.

Until you are a safe distance away, do not operate any device that might create a spark including electronics, vehicles, electric switches, doorbells, radios and garage door openers.

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For more information about our pipelines in your community, including top-of-ground pipe, contact us at 800-694-8989 or visit [www.blackhillsenergy.com/pipeline-safety](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/pipeline-safety).

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## Important safety information

Our records indicate that you live or work near sections of our pipeline that are above ground.

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