Meters can be connected to above-ground pipeline segments.

Some pipeline sections are located above-ground.

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.

Black Hills Energy Cares About You and Your Safety

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, bubbling water or standing water near a pipeline.

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. Some may not be able to smell the odor, or in certain rare circumstances, odor fade can occur.

What you may HEAR:
- Listen for a hissing, roaring, whistling or bubbling sound from the ground.

If you smell gas or you 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.

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.
Important Safety Information

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