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PIPELINE SAFETY

INFORMATION

Underground, natural gas pipelines are located on your property and within the communities you live, work and play. For your safety, please review this information and share with other members of your household and/or business.

PIPELINE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) is committed to delivering natural gas through a highly engineered pipeline system in a safe, environmentally sound process. Natural gas pipelines are the safest method of energy transportation, according to National Transportation Safety Board statistics. MDU uses the latest technology, security and industry practices to monitor pipelines, and maintain service and safety. We execute many programs to ensure your safety: 24/7 design and construction monitoring; integrity management; inspection and patrol; public safety outreach; and communication/training with emergency officials.

SUSPECT A GAS LEAK?



DO YOU SEE?

A patch of discolored soil or dead vegetation, dirt being blown into the air, water bubbling or spraying into the air, fire or explosion.



DO YOU HEAR?

A hissing sound or unusual noises.



DO YOU SMELL?

A strange odor similar to rotten eggs or a recently lit match.

Warning: Natural gas cannot always be detected by smell alone. It is important to understand ALL of the indicators of a gas leak.

If you suspect a natural gas leak,

- ▶ Leave the area immediately.
- ▶ Do not use a cell phone or start a vehicle near any suspected natural gas leak.
- ▶ Do not attempt to put out the flames if leaking gas ignites.
- ▶ Call 911 and then MDU at **800-638-3278**.

PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Pipeline right-of-ways or easements are strips of land in which pipelines are installed. Certain land uses are prohibited on a right-of-way or require permission from MDU.

PIPELINE MARKERS

Pipeline markers are used to show the general route of a pipeline, but are not found near every pipeline.

MARKERS DO SHOW:

- ▶ Approximate location
- ▶ Product transported
- ▶ Operator's name and emergency phone number

DO NOT SHOW:

- ▶ Exact location
- ▶ Depth
- ▶ Number of pipelines



For more information on pipeline locations in your area, please go to www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.



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Know what's below
Call before you dig.

STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

- 1** Whiteline dig site



- 2** Call 811 to locate utilities



- 3** Wait for all utilities to be marked



- 4** Carefully hand dig around marked utilities



- ▶ Do NOT assume the depth of the utility facilities (or pipeline) or rely on past locate data when digging.
- ▶ If you damage a natural gas line and gas is blowing, leave the area, call 911 and then call MDU.
- ▶ Report ALL damaged MDU lines, including damage to the coated wire paralleling the gas line, even if there is no blowing gas.
- ▶ Minor nicks and wrap damage, or damage to the wire, can be dangerous if left unrepaired.