



SAFETY TIPS FOR CLEARING AN EXTERIOR SEWER LINE

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Natural gas pipelines are sometimes installed close to sewer lines. If you need to clear an exterior sewer line, be aware that the blockage may be near or caused by a natural gas pipeline that has penetrated the sewer line. There is a rare chance that a natural gas pipeline may have penetrated the sewer line when it was installed using trenchless construction methods. If this occurred, an auger "snake" could cause damage to the gas line when clearing the sewer line, which may result in a gas leak.



If an exterior sewer line blockage may be near or caused by a natural gas pipeline that has penetrated the sewer line, please call Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) at **1-800-427-2200** before you attempt to clear the line. We will respond by phone and tell you if it is safe to clear, or visit the site at no charge to verify.

If you damage a pipeline or suspect a natural gas leak:

- **IMMEDIATELY** and **SAFELY EVACUATE** the area and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at **1-800-427-2200** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- **CALL 911** promptly after leaving the area if the damage results in a natural gas leak that may endanger life or cause bodily harm or damage to property.
- **DO NOT** light a match, candle, or cigarette.
- **DO NOT** turn electrical devices on or off, including light switches.

- **DO NOT** start an engine or use any device, including a telephone, which could cause a spark.
- **DO NOT** attempt to control the leak or repair the damaged pipe or meter.
- **DO NOT** use or turn off any equipment that could cause a spark. Motorized or electrically powered equipment or vehicles may create an ignition source if a gas leak is present. Safely abandon any motorized or powered equipment or vehicles. Gas leaking from a plastic pipe can create static electricity that can ignite the gas.

Your safety is important to us. For more information, visit socialgas.com (search "SEWER").