

KEEP YOUR SCHOOL SAFE

Important Natural Gas Safety Information



FIND PIPELINES NEAR YOUR SCHOOL

One in every 20 schools is located within a half mile of a petroleum or natural gas transmission pipeline or above ground pipeline facility.

Pipeline markers indicate only the approximate, not exact, location of buried pipelines. Markers also do not indicate the depth or number of pipelines in the area. These yellow markers display the pipeline operator's name and a phone number to call in case of emergency.

You can view the approximate locations of major natural gas pipelines at **socalgas.com/Map** or on the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) **website at npms.phmsa.dot.gov**.

These maps only indicate the general location of pipelines and should never be used as a substitute for contacting 811 at least two business days before digging.

PIPELINE MARKINGS & WHAT THEY MEAN



High-visibility markers, like this one, mark the general location of major pipeline routes. Contact **811** if you need accurate pipeline location marked.



Starting a school garden or doing some work around your school that requires digging? If so, you will need to contact 811 to learn where utility-owned pipelines are to keep everyone safe during your projects.



MARK OUT your proposed project area in white paint or provide other suitable markings.



CONTACT 811 Underground Service Alert (USA) for a ticket at least two business days before digging. Request a ticket at **california811.org** or dial **811**.



USE ONLY HAND TOOLS within 24 inches on each side of marked utility lines to carefully expose the exact locations of all lines.

Check utility responses to your 811 ticket by visiting **DigAlert.org** or **USANorth.org**.

NOTE: SoCalGas does not mark customer-owned natural gas lines, which typically run from the meter to natural gas equipment. To have customer-owned lines located and marked before a project, contact a qualified pipe-locating professional.

Learn more at socalgas.com/811



RECOGNIZE A NATURAL GAS LEAK

Be alert to any of the signs you may see, hear or smell when there is a leak.



LOOK

If you see a damaged connection to a natural gas appliance, dirt/water blowing into the air, dead or dving vegetation, fire or an explosion near a pipeline.



LISTEN

If you hear unusual sounds like hissing or whistling.



SMELL

If you smell the distinctive odor* of natural gas.

* Some persons may not be able to smell the odor because they have a diminished sense of smell, olfactory fatigue (normal, temporary inability to distinguish an odor after prolonged exposure to it), a temporary loss of smell due to COVID-19, or because the odor is being masked or hidden by other odors that are present, such as cooking, damp, musty or chemical odors. In addition, certain conditions in pipeline and soil conditions can cause odor fade (the loss of odorant so that it is not detectable by smell).

IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS, SUSPECT A LEAK, OR DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED

IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE THE AREA.

CALL SoCalGas at 1-800-427-2200 from a safe location.

CALL 911 promptly, from a safe location, if there is damage resulting in a natural gas leak that may endanger life or cause bodily harm or property damage.

DON'T smoke, or light a match, candle or create any other flame.

DON'T turn electrical appliances or lights on or off, operate motorized equipment or vehicles, or use any device that could cause a spark.

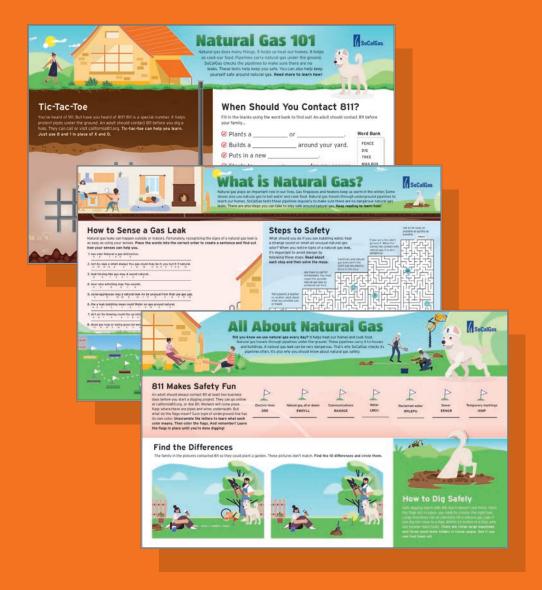
DON'T attempt to control the leak or repair a damaged pipe or meter. Natural gas leaking from a plastic pipe can create static electricity that can ignite the natural gas.





REPORT any pipeline damage by calling SoCalGas immediately at **1-800-427-2200**. Even a slight gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline may harm the integrity of the pipe or cause a dangerous leak in the future.

HELP YOUR STUDENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT NATURAL GAS SAFETY



DOWNLOAD FREE ACTIVITY WORKSHEETS.
Visit socalgas.com/SchoolSafety



PIPELINE MAINTENANCE **AND YOUR SAFETY**

SoCalGas pipelines deliver natural gas to approximately 22 million residential and business customers. We routinely perform pipeline safety tasks - including patrolling, inspecting, testing, repairing, and replacing pipelines - and have ongoing technical training and testing for employees.

Our integrity management plans outline our ongoing safety and maintenance activities and are available for review. To perform important pipeline inspections, we use advanced safety tools to monitor pipeline conditions and to verify that the pipelines are being maintained safely. Since we must be able to access the pipeline right-of-way, the area around our pipelines must be clear of shrubs, trees, fences and other structures.

For more safety and prevention information, visit socalgas.com/safety

emergency 1-800-427-2200 or 911

Hearing Impaired, call TDD/TTY 1-800-252-0259

IMPORTANT CONTACT

INFORMATION

Report a pipeline

Asistencía en español 1-800-342-4545

CONTACT 811: Visit california811.org or call 811

FOR SAFFTY INFORMATION: socalgas.com/BeSafe

PARA INFORMACIÓN DE SEGURIDAD EN **ESPAÑOL**:

socalgas.com/Seguridad



