

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

You have received this brochure because Southern California Gas Company operates natural gas pipelines in areas where you or people in your company may work. Help keep your employees and job site safe by understanding the information in this brochure.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Call **1-800-427-2000** to report a pipeline emergency (Southern California Gas Company)

Call **811** for Underground Service Alert before you dig (one-call, multi-utility locating service)

Visit www.socalgas.com/safety/ for more safety information.



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IMPORTANT PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS, EXCAVATORS, LAND DEVELOPERS AND FARMERS



**IMPORTANT SAFETY
INFORMATION INSIDE.**

Para recibir este folleto en español,
sírbase visitar www.socalgas.com/sp/
o llamar al 1-800-427-6029.

CALL 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Digging or demolition near buried pipelines is the top cause of pipeline damage, which can result in costly repairs, serious injury to bystanders, disruptions in gas service, and delays in excavation-related projects. Even a slight gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline or coating may eventually cause a dangerous break or leak. That's why it's important to know where pipelines are buried before digging for any reason, such as planting trees, installing fences, grading for development or tilling farmland. Ensure your safety and the safety of those around you by calling Underground Service Alert (USA) at **811**. Notifying USA at least two business days prior to excavation is required by California state law. Failure to comply can carry heavy fines. After receiving your notification, USA will contact us, as well as other local utilities, to mark the location of all utility-owned lines for free. This will allow you to begin your project with the assurance that our pipelines will be protected and your safety will not be compromised. Once all lines are marked, carefully use only hand tools to dig within 24 inches of marked gas lines.



WATCH FOR PIPELINE SIGNS

Most natural gas pipelines are buried underground. During the course of your work, you might encounter our pipeline markers. Major pipeline routes are marked above ground using high-visibility markers with our name and phone number. These markers purposely indicate only the general, not exact, location of pipelines. Markers also do not indicate the depth or number of pipelines in that area. To identify operators of major gas pipelines in your area and view maps with the general locations of these pipelines, visit the National Pipeline Mapping System Web site: www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/. Please note: These maps only indicate a general location of pipelines and should never be used as a substitute for California state law which requires calling **811** at least two business days before digging.

HANDLING EMERGENCIES

While leaks on natural gas pipelines are rare, it's important to know that natural gas can ignite. Something as simple as a spark can serve as an ignition source. Be alert to any of the following signs of a natural gas leak:

- Dirt or water being thrown in the air
- Dying vegetation (in an otherwise moist area) near pipeline areas
- A roaring, blowing or hissing sound
- Fire coming from the ground or appearing to burn above the ground
- The distinct odor of natural gas

If you cause any damage to a pipeline or detect or suspect a natural gas leak, immediately turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you may be operating (if it's safe to do so), quickly leave the area and, from a safe place, call Southern California Gas Company at **1-800-427-2000**. In addition, if the damage results in a natural gas leak that may endanger life or cause bodily harm or damage to property, also be sure to call **911** promptly after leaving the area. DO NOT attempt to control or repair the leak.

ABOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Southern California Gas Company is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, serving more than 20 million customers throughout our service area, spanning Central and Southern California.

We monitor the natural gas for quality and add a distinctive odor to detect leaks. We deliver it through pipelines to our residential customers for cooking and heating and to commercial and industrial customers for manufacturing of products and generation of electricity.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Southern California Gas Company has been dedicated to providing safe and reliable energy for more than 140 years. We have a strong safety record and work hard to maintain it throughout our natural gas transmission pipelines and distribution system. We have an ongoing program to conduct safety inspections of our entire pipeline system and comply with all federal and state regulations.