

Protecting Your Gas Meter

Natural gas meters are located above ground. Because of this, meter piping is susceptible to dangers that buried piping may not be. Listed below are suggestions to better protect your meter loop.

1. Keep any above ground piping painted.
2. Avoid planting landscape close to your meter loop. Roots can damage the coating on underground pipe. It can also restrict personnel from reading the meter and performing routine maintenance.
3. Avoid putting stress on your meter loops or attaching any metallic material to your meter loop because this can cause interference with cathodic protection.
4. Avoid placing the meter where it will be susceptible to third-party damage. Call the gas department concerning meter location, piping systems, and meter protection at **(270) 765-6121**.

Other Concerns

If your meter has been replaced due to routine maintenance and gas service left off, or if you suspect any problem, **please call (270) 765-6121 to have your service restored or to report your concerns.**

Leak Recognition

Natural gas is colorless, odorless, and lighter than air. An odorant has been added giving it a very distinct smell so a leak can be readily detected. Other indicators of a possible natural gas leak include but are not limited to:

- A hissing or roaring sound caused by escaping gas,
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, or
- Blowing dirt, grass, or leaves near the pipeline.

Leak Response

- Evacuate to an area upwind from the suspected leak immediately.
- Do not start motor vehicles or turn on electrical equipment including lights near the suspected leak.
- Do not light a match or create any other source of ignition.
- Warn others to stay away from the area.
- Call 911 to notify fire and police departments once you have reached a safe area.
- Call the City of Elizabethtown Natural Gas Department to report the possible leak at **(270) 765-6121**.

Public Awareness



City of Elizabethtown
Natural Gas Department

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Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and You.

The City of Elizabethtown operates a natural gas distribution system in Hardin and Meade counties. This system consists of cathodically protected steel pipe, polyethylene pipe, and readily identified above ground facilities.

As a customer or someone who lives or works near our pipelines and facilities, your safety is our number one priority. To ensure this, the City has programs to monitor the natural gas distribution system including but not limited to regularly scheduled compliance inspections, leakage surveys, and corrosion control.

In this pamphlet you will find information on:

- recognizing pipeline routes in our community
- recognizing signs of a natural gas leak
- the importance of maintaining your natural gas meter
- responding to a natural gas leak.

Pipeline Identification

To identify locations of underground piping and facilities in rural areas, pipeline markers are used. These markers are typically located at road and railroad crossings as well as along the pipeline right of ways.

The markers display:

- The material transported in the line,
- The name of the pipeline operator, and
- A 24 hour emergency telephone number.



Marker Information

- Does not show exact location of the line
- Does not indicate depth
- Does not indicate pipeline pressure

Call Before You Dig

Statistics indicate that damage from excavation related activities is the leading cause of pipeline incidents. If you are planning to excavate for any reason, follow these guidelines.

1. Call Kentucky Underground Protection Inc. @ 1-800-752-6007 as the law requires.
2. Wait two business days after you call before digging.
3. If after two business days there are no markings, call the gas department to confirm that there are no natural gas lines in the vicinity of planned excavation at **(270) 765-6121**.
4. Dig with Care!