

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFETY

Call before you dig.

It's the law.

If you plan any type of excavation, construction work, or any type of digging near a pipeline, **PLEASE:**

- Contact the "One-Call Center". Palmetto Utility Protection Service, Inc. (PUPS) handles the One-Call services for South Carolina. To contact PUPS, call **811** or **1-888-721-7877**. Please give **72 hours** notice to allow sufficient time for the one-call representative to mark the pipeline.
- Respect pipeline marker placement.
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO GUESS THE PIPELINE'S LOCATION.**



To obtain additional information, call

1-866-259-8655.

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Natural Gas Pipeline
Operation

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

Our goal is to provide safe, reliable gas service to our customers and ensure the safety of people living and/or working near our gas pipelines.



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Understanding Pipelines

A network of 2 million miles of natural gas pipelines exists in the United States. These pipelines quietly, reliably and efficiently deliver natural gas throughout the country for domestic and industrial use. Natural gas pipelines are among the safest methods of transporting energy.

The Town of Winnsboro operates an underground local distribution natural gas pipeline and other facilities in your area. Because you live and work in the vicinity of our pipeline facilities, we are providing this safety brochure as part of our commitment to serving you.

We ask you to review this information and share it with others. With this brochure we hope you:

- Understand the purpose of the pipeline.
- Understand the potential pipeline hazards and preventative measures for safe pipeline operations.
- Know how to work around pipelines.
- Identify pipelines.
- Recognize a natural gas leak.
- Understand steps to take in case of an emergency.



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

The Town of Winnsboro performs the following preventative efforts to maintain pipeline safety:

- Inspect Mains and Services during Excavation
- Monitors and Patrols pipeline surface conditions for hazards to the pipeline.
- Applies Corrosion Prevention Measures
- Inspects belowground emergency valves regularly.
- Uses Leak Detection Equipment to detect whether a leak exists on the pipelines.
- The Equipment used by the Town of Winnsboro is inspected and maintained regularly.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK

- Fire or explosion near a pipeline.
- Smell for an unusual odor, often described as “rotten egg”.
- Listen for hissing or roaring sound.
- Discoloration of vegetation in close proximity to pipeline.
- Unusual blowing of dirt or dust.
- Persistent bubbles in water.

If you suspect a leak, **call 1-866-259-8655.**

WHAT IS A PIPELINE EMERGENCY?

A pipeline emergency is any of the following:

- Fire or explosion near or directly involving a pipeline or pipeline facility.
- A leaking pipeline.
- A damaged or weakened pipeline.
- A natural disaster affecting the pipeline such as an earthquake, flood, or soil erosion.

IN CASE OF A PIPELINE EMERGENCY?

Procedures to follow during a pipeline emergency are:

- Immediately walk away.
- Warn others to stay away or leave the area.
- Do not expose the area to open flames, cell phones, pagers, motor vehicles or any other item that may ignite the gas.
- From a safe location contact the Town of Winnsboro at 1-866-259-8655.

In an emergency call 911.

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