

Signs of a natural gas leak



Smell - We add a sulfur-like, rotten-egg smell so you will know right away if there is a problem.



Hear - Gas can hiss or even roar as it escapes pipes.



See - Gas may make bubbles, blow dirt and kill plants when leaking from underground pipes.

While natural gas is considered the safest and cleanest fossil fuel for domestic and industrial use, there are inherent dangers to remember:

- Natural gas mixed with air can be highly flammable and is easily ignited by heat or sparks.
- Gas fires may produce irritating and/or toxic fumes.
- Released gas will displace oxygen and can cause dizziness or even asphyxiation.
- Natural gas is lighter than air and migrate into enclosed spaces.

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



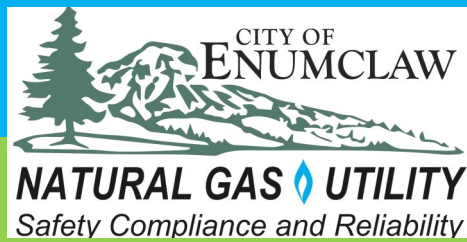
Contact Us

We encourage you to contact The City of Enumclaw, Natural Gas Utility if you have any questions or see any unusual activity on or near a pipeline.

Email: enumclawgas@ci.enumclaw.wa.us

Phone: 360-825-5541

Or visit our website: cityofenumclaw.net



Contractors!

Watch out for buried utility lines.



Be Safe When Digging

<https://www.cityofenumclaw.net>



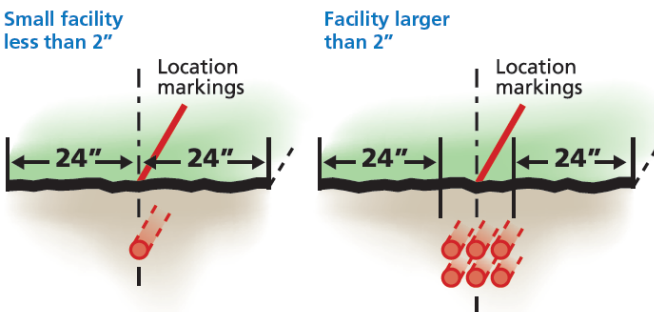
Before you break ground with a shovel, auger or other equipment, call 811 at least two business days before you dig-it's the law. A utility representative will come locate and mark buried utility lines in your dig zone. (The service is free for City of Enumclaw customers.) Never disturb the ground until you complete these steps:

1. Use White paint to mark where you plan to dig.
2. Call 811 or visit www.Call811.com and wait for a utility representative to mark facilities owned by utilities. (Note: You must hire a private contractor to locate non-utility-owned lines.)
3. Maintain and respect these location marks.
4. Hand dig to expose and determine the exact location before you proceed with excavation (see below).

Reasonable Accuracy Zone

The utility should be found within two feet of either side of the mark, or inside a 4-foot corridor. However, if the line marks indicate the size of the buried utility and is greater than 2" in width, you will need to increase the accuracy zone by that amount.

Hand Dig Within 24"



Ground Marking Identification

Ground markings are in different colors to indicate the locations and types of utility facilities buried below.

- Electric Power Lines, Cables and Lighting Cable**
- Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials**
- Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit**
- Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines**
- Sewers and Drain Lines**
- Temporary Survey Markings**

General Pipeline Markers are no substitute for 811



City of Enumclaw's major distribution pipelines for natural gas have aboveground yellow markers along their routes, each displaying a 24-hour emergency response phone number. Please be aware that **THESE YELLOW MARKERS ONLY INDICATE THE GENERAL LOCATION OF BURIED NATURAL GAS LINES** and may not be located above the actual pipelines. You are still required to have pipelines located by calling 811 two business days before you dig.



What to do if you damage line:

- If you hit or nick a natural gas line, immediately contact the City of Enumclaw Non Emergency number 360-825-3505.
- If you damage a pipeline and gas is escaping, DO NOT FOLD OVER THE PIPE to seal the leak. Static charge can ignite the gas. Get a safe distance away, then call 911.

How to respond to a natural gas emergency:

- Anyone near the damaged gas line must turn off any equipment and other potential sources of ignition, get away from the site and call 911.
- Evacuate the area on foot in an upwind and uphill direction.
- Alert others to evacuate the area
- Call 911 from a safe distance to report the emergency.