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Natural Gas – Pipeline Safety Information

The Village of Hamilton operates and maintains its own small Natural Gas Distribution Company. While on its own, Natural Gas is a safe, clean, and efficient way to provide energy to residents for various household and business purposes, if handled incorrectly it can prove to have life threatening implications. The Village's number 1 priority is the safety and well-being of the citizens that reside, do business and work here.

The pipeline is located from the intersection of Rt 46 and Route 20 North of the Village and runs south, through the Village to the southern border. The system has expanded to include many Village Streets and includes areas on the Colgate Campus.

The information provided here is to educate and inform people of what to do to avoid compromising the pipeline and what to do in case of an encounter with a natural gas pipeline incident.

The Best Practice to avoid contact with the pipelines is for Homeowners and Contractors to:

Call 811 before digging!

This includes setting tents, installing fences, pools or other projects that require digging. Utilities located on the property to be utilized will be identified and marked. Natural Gas pipe will be designated with a yellow mark and flags. More information can be found at: <https://udigny.org>

And [ExcavatorManual 2022 Online.pdf](#)

Recognize & Respond to a Pipeline Emergency

A damaged pipeline may release flammable products into the soil or the air that can be harmful to people and the environment. It is important that you know how to quickly respond to a potential pipeline emergency.

Energy products transported in pipelines can be odorless. Use your sense of sight and sound as well as smell to identify a potential leak. Signs of a potential leak may include:

- A smell similar to rotten eggs or sulfur if odorant is added
- Dead or dying vegetation near the pipeline
- Pools of liquid or fire on the ground near the pipeline
- Dirt or debris blowing into the air
- A dense white cloud or fog near the pipeline
- Hissing, gurgling or roaring sounds

- Strong petroleum scent or another pungent odor

For First Responders:

Pipeline Incident Response Checklist

For the majority of pipeline incidents, responders will have a limited number of options to actually stop the leak. In almost all cases, the pipeline operator will be required to resolve the incident safely. Advance knowledge of where pipelines are located in your community, the products transported in them, and how to contact and work together with the pipeline operator in the event of an incident are key factors to an effective and safe response.

1. Assess the situation

- Approach with caution from an upwind location
- Employ ICS
- Identify hazards
- Contact the pipeline operator using the emergency number listed on the pipeline marker

2. Protect people, property, and the environment

- Rescue and evacuate people
- Eliminate ignition sources
- Control fires and leaks

3. Call for assistance

Natural Gas Emergency: Call **911** or **844-824-1100** or:

- Workday – Monday – Friday 7:30AM-4:00PM
 - 315-824-1111 (Village office)
 - 315-824-2120 (Powerhouse)
- After Hours, Weekends or Holidays – **911** or **1-844-824-1100**

Contact your local emergency response organization or national resources if needed

For more information about emergency preparedness in your community download the following materials:

- [Pipeline Association for Public Awareness Emergency Response Guidelines](#)
- [Training Videos for Emergency Responders](#)
- [Training Website Scenarios for Emergency Responders](#)
- [Evacuation Distance Guidelines for Natural Gas](#)