

Excavation Safety

A leading cause of gas system damage is failure to call 8-1-1

* Gopher State One Call is a free statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own before you start digging. They can be contacted at (800) 252-1166 or by dialing 8-1-1

* Just call two (2) business days before digging and provide the requested information

* **Remember to Call—It's free**



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

and it's the law!



125 Second Avenue NE
PO Box 130
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Phone: (218) 346-4455
Toll Free: (877) 864-7963

**After Hours or Emergency:
(888) 262-3837 or 9-1-1**

CITY OF PERHAM

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety



Perham Natural Gas

Pipelines are the most reliable and efficient way to transport energy resources such as natural gas. The vast network of underground pipelines fuels our homes, businesses, and industries. Because these facilities are generally underground it is important to remind the public of not only the safety of natural gas distribution pipelines, but that it is a clean, reliable, and safe energy source. This communication was designed to provide you with this safety information about natural gas. **Please take time to review.**

Emergency: (888) 262-3837

SMELL, HEAR, SEE

Learn to recognize the warning signs of a natural gas leak:

- ⇒ **Smell:** Natural Gas itself is odorless, but an odorant is added to help detect a leak, it is described as smelling like rotten eggs or sulfur.
- ⇒ **Hear:** Leaking natural gas may produce a hissing or blowing sound.
- ⇒ **See:** A potential leak might also cause bubbling in puddles or blowing dirt/dust, or dead grass and plants for no apparent reason.

Suspect a Gas Leak?

Act Immediately!



- ⇒ **Evacuate the area**—travel upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not reenter until told it's safe to do so.
- ⇒ **Call Perham Natural Gas or 9-1-1** from a safe location, such as a neighbor's house—NOT the building or area where you smell the gas.
- ⇒ **DO NOT:** light a match, operate light switches, appliances, engines, cell phones, or any other potential sources of ignition.
- ⇒ **Warn others** to stay out of the area until help arrives.

Warning: *Inhaling natural gas can cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at high concentrations. Physical contact with gas or liquified gas can cause burns, severe injury, and/or frostbite. Inhaling carbon monoxide can cause extreme carbon monoxide poisoning which can be deadly in some cases. Symptoms may include sudden flu-like symptoms, headache, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, light-headedness, mental confusion, drowsiness, rapid heartbeat, or unconsciousness.*

How to Recognize Gas Pipelines

Underground natural gas transmission pipelines are indicated by special markers, as seen below. All pipeline markers provide the company's name, type of product carried by the pipeline, and the emergency contact number.

Even if a marker is present, it does not follow a pipeline's exact path or provide buried depth. It is still very important to **call Gopher State One Call at 8-1-1** before digging.



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