

# Pipelines in Your Community

## Call Before You Dig

We need your help in preventing pipeline emergencies. If your company does excavation work, or if you are a homeowner or farmer and dig on your property, you must call your local One Call System prior to beginning your excavation. Statistics show that damage from excavation related activities, particularly from equipment digging into pipelines, is a leading cause of pipeline accidents. Without proper coordination, excavation activities near underground pipelines can result in dangerous conditions. Calling before you dig is now easier than ever before—as simple as calling 8-1-1.

Always remember to “Call 811 before you dig!”

## Signs Of A Pipeline Release

While pipelines are the safest method of transporting the fuel we rely on every day, and pipeline releases are rare, here is how to recognize a pipeline leak:

- ✓ **Sight**—A pool of liquid or discolored vegetation on the ground near a pipeline, a rainbow sheen on water, a dense white cloud or fog over a pipeline, or blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline.
- ✓ **Sound**—An unusual noise coming from the pipeline, such as a hissing or roaring sound.
- ✓ **Smell**— An unusual petroleum, chemical or natural gas smell.

## What To Do If A Leak Occurs

- Leave the area immediately and stay upwind.
- Warn others to stay away.
- Do not touch, breathe, or make contact with leaking liquids.
- Do not light a match, start an engine, use a telephone, operate on/off switches, or do anything that may create a spark.
- From a safe location, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency response number and the pipeline company. Provide your name, phone number, a description of the leak, and its location.
- Do not drive or enter into a leak or vapor cloud area.

## IN CASE OF A PIPELINE EMERGENCY

**CALL:**

**1-800-331-4115**

## Pipeline Markers

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires the use of pipeline markers to indicate the presence of pipelines. Markers indicate the general location of pipelines, and not their exact location. Markers are located at road, railroad, and navigable waterway crossings. Markers are also posted along the pipeline right-of-way. It is federal crime to damage or remove a pipeline marker.

Pipeline markers display:

- The material transported in the pipeline
- The name of the pipeline operator
- A Telephone number where the pipeline operator can be reached in the event of an emergency.



## Pipeline Right-Of-Way

A pipeline right-of-way, or easement, is a written agreement that provides certain rights within a strip of the owner's land to the pipeline company. This includes, but is not limited to, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, and repair or replacement of pipeline facilities. The agreement also provides for reasonable access to our right-of-way across the owner's land. Buckeye does not allow certain activities within our right-of-way such as unauthorized excavation, the placement of buildings or structures, the planting of trees or large shrubs and other types of activities which could damage or prevent access to our pipeline facilities. Public Safety is Buckeye's highest priority. For additional information on our pipeline safety actions and for permissible safe uses and activities within our rights-of-way, please visit [www.buckeye.com](http://www.buckeye.com).