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**CAUTION BURIED
GAS LINE**

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Tips for **Safe Digging**

**Whether you're digging in
your backyard or excavating
for a major development,
these quick safety tips
will keep you and your
community safe.**



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5 things to know before you dig

- 1. Call 811** at least two business days before you dig. You can also download the Texas811 app on your phone or visit [Texas811.org](https://www.texas811.org). You must wait two business days (full 48 hours). 
- 2. Look for paint or flags** in your project area before you dig. If not, call 811.
- 3. Respect the tolerance zone** which is the area on each side of the pipe (minimum of 24 inches on each side). Do not use mechanized excavating equipment within the tolerance zone.
- 4. Pothole** Visual confirmation is required when boring across existing utilities. Pothole in the area where you plan to cross the utility.
- 5. One-call ticket** is good for 14 business days. You must update the ticket if your project goes longer.

Know Your Colors Flag/Paint Utility Color Codes

WHITE - Proposed Excavation

PINK - Temporary Survey Markings

RED - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW - Gas, Oil, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

ORANGE - Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

BLUE - Potable Water

PURPLE - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN - Sewer and Drain Lines

Smell, Look and Listen!

Use your senses to detect a natural gas leak



SMELL – A rotten egg or sulfur-like odor may be an indication of a natural gas leak



LOOK – Unexplained dead vegetation, blowing dirt or bubbling puddles of water may be an indication of a pipeline leak



LISTEN – Hissing or roaring could be an indication of a leak

Smell Gas? Act Fast!

If you smell natural gas while digging or have damaged a natural gas line, leave the area immediately. Once a safe distance away, call 911 and the Texas Gas Service Emergency Line at 800-959-5325.



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