


Your Safety is Our Concern



Village of Rantoul Gas

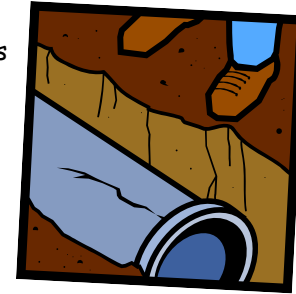
Public Works Department

Telephone: 217-892-2178

▶ ICC Requirement

As required by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and as a service to our customers, the Village of Rantoul and all gas system operators are required to share the following information with our customers:

- ✘ The Village of Rantoul (operator) does not maintain customer's buried piping. This is the piping beyond the outlet of the meter.



- ✘ If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.

If you have any questions regarding your gas service or buried pipelines, call Geoff Sinclair at the Village of Rantoul Public Works Dept. at 217-892-2178.

- ✘ Buried gas piping should be:
 - ✘ Periodically inspected for leaks.
 - ✘ Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic and;
 - ✘ Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.

- ✘ When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation should be done by hand.

- ✘ The operator, plumbing contractor, and heating contractor can assist in locating, inspecting, and repairing the customer's buried piping.

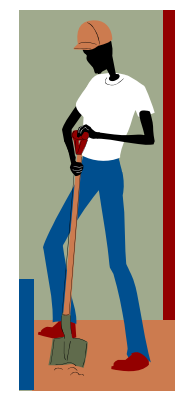
Preventing Damage

The leading cause of accidents on a natural gas delivery system is hitting lines when digging. Serious injury or death, property damage and service outages can occur if gas pipes are struck during excavation.

You are required by law to call a One Call Center at least two business days before you dig or excavate.

Utilities will mark underground pipes at your site free of charge. Once underground facilities are marked, you are required to follow established guidelines when digging to prevent striking them.

If you plan to dig inside the Village of Rantoul gas service territories, call your One Call Center, J.U.L.I.E., at 1-800-892-0123 or 811.



Call J.U.L.I.E. before you dig 1-800-892-0123 or 811

Natural Gas Leak Information

HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK?

Although pipeline leaks are rare, knowing how to recognize and respond to a possible leak is a key component in pipeline safety. Trust your senses. You may recognize a pipeline leak by:



SIGHT: Liquid pools, discolored or abnormally dry soil/vegetation, continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas, an oily sheen on water surfaces, and vaporous fogs or blowing dirt around a pipeline area can all be indicative of a pipeline leak. Dead or discolored plants in an otherwise healthy area of vegetation or frozen ground in warm weather are other possible signs.



SOUND: Volume can range from a quiet hissing to a loud roar depending on the size of the leak.



SMELL: An unusual smell, petroleum odor, or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipeline leaks.

- Gas transmission/gas gathering pipelines are odorless, but may contain a hydrocarbon smell.
- Highly Volatile Liquids (HVL's) can be odorless and colorless in their natural state and most are considered irritants to eyes and nose. Commercial odorants are added to many HVL's to assist in detection of a leak.

- Gas distribution systems are odorized with the chemical Mercaptan or other similar chemicals.
 - ⇒ Mercaptan is a harmless non-toxic chemical that is added to make it easier to detect a gas leak due to its skunk like odor.
- Landfill gas, which is becoming a popular source of natural gas, has a more pungent and unpleasant odor similar to the smell of rotting garbage.

USE YOUR SENSES



WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT A LEAK

The following guidelines are designed to ensure your safety and the safety of those in the area if a petroleum product or natural gas pipeline leak is suspected or detected:

- Leave the area by foot immediately. Try to direct any other workers, bystanders, or unsuspecting individuals to leave the area. Attempt to stay up-wind.
 - ⇒ HVL vapors are heavier than air and can collect in low areas such as ditches, sewers, etc.
- From a safe location, notify the pipeline operator immediately if known and call 911 or your local emergency response number. The operator will need you name, your phone number, a brief description of the incident, and the work site location so the proper response can be initiated.
- Turn off any equipment and eliminate any ignition source, if able to do so without risk of injury.

WHAT NOT TO DO IN THE EVENT A LEAK

DO NOT come into direct contact with any escaping liquids or gas.

DO NOT attempt to operate any pipeline valves yourself. You may inadvertently route more product to the leak or cause a secondary incident.

DO NOT cause any open flame or other potential source of ignition such as an electrical switch, vehicle ignition, light a match, etc. Do not start motor vehicles or electrical equipment. Do not ring doorbells to notify others of the leak. Knock with your hand to avoid potential sparks from knockers.

DO NOT drive into a leak or vapor cloud while leaving the area.

DO NOT attempt to extinguish a petroleum product or natural gas fire. Wait for local firemen and other professionals trained to deal with such emergencies.

Contact Information

Emergencies

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Rantoul Public Works Dept.
217-892-2178

After hours, weekends and holidays

Rantoul Police Dept. 217-892-2103

Non-Emergencies

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