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Since the early 1970's, the City of Lakeland has been supplying clean, efficient, and safe energy to the City of Lakeland's two power plants. Prior to 1991, Florida Gas Transmission provided the pipeline that fed the two power plants. With the installation of the City's own gas pipeline in 1991, we became the sole owner of a 16" gas pipeline that is tied into Florida Gas Transmission's St. Pete Lateral and Gulfstream Natural Gas that feeds both of our power plants.

While we maintain the safety and reliability of our gas pipeline, we rely on you to follow all natural gas safety rules when excavating in the vicinity of the gas pipeline and to report any suspicious activity around the gas pipeline right-of-way.

It is our job to inform residents, businesses, public officials, One-Call Centers, emergency officials, contractors, excavators and land owners if they live or work along the gas pipeline right-of-way. Through this brochure we are notifying you of this pipeline in accordance with the federal Pipeline Awareness Program that went into effect on June 20, 2005.

GAS PIPELINE LOCATION

There are several ways to identify if a pipeline or other natural gas facility is located in your area:

Maps

Members of the public can get information about operators who have pipelines that may be located in their area by contacting the National Pipeline Mapping System, www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

Pipeline Markers

You may have seen one of these markers in your area, since your dwelling or business is located in the vicinity of our pipeline, or you may have the need to perform excavation work in the vicinity of our pipeline.

The markers provide a local telephone number that can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should become familiar with these markers and report any suspicious activity near the markers to the local police department and the City of Lakeland.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS PIPELINE LEAK

Leaks from a natural gas pipeline are extremely rare. However, it is important to know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in your area. Please contact Lakeland Electric at 834-2706 immediately if you:

SEE

- Vegetation over or near the pipeline, which appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.
- Water bubbling at a creek, lake, or any wet area on or near the pipeline.
- Dirt flying into the air over or near the pipeline.
- Fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline.
- Exposed pipeline, possibly caused by a natural disaster such as a flood.

HEAR

- A hissing, whistling or roaring sound along or near the pipeline.

SMELL

- A "rotten egg" odor. Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless. An odorant called Mercaptan is added to the gas to aid in detecting leaks.
- If you detect a gas leak along our pipeline corridor, please contact Lakeland Electric at 834-2706 immediately.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT:
 1-863-834-2706**

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Changes may occur. Contact the operator to discuss their pipeline systems and areas of operation.

PREVENTING PIPELINE DAMAGE

Although excavation is normally associated with commercial type construction, there are also some types of excavation activities that are carried out by the individual, such as the following:

- Swimming Pool Construction
- Drilling Wells
- Fencing
- Digging Drainage Ditches
- Planting Trees

Please notify Sunshine State One-Call (SSOC) at 811 at least two working days prior to when you plan to excavate. The operators for SSOC will take all the appropriate information for any excavation that you may be planning.

Lakeland Electric will then be notified by SSOC of the intent to excavate near our pipeline. The location of the pipeline will be marked where required. Also, if you observe any unusual activity along the pipeline corridor we would like to be notified directly via our Systems Control number at 834-2706.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain the safety of the public and to prevent damage to our facilities.

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