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Pipeline Safety

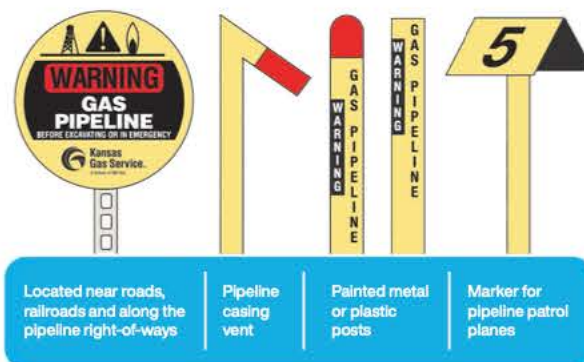
## Be in the know about "R-O-W"

R-O-W is short for Right-of-Way. So, what does that mean? A pipeline right-of-way or easement is a strip of land encompassing buried pipelines and other natural gas equipment that allows them to be permanently located on public and/or private land. A right-of-way allows pipeline operators, like Kansas Gas Service, ongoing access to their buried pipelines.

Unauthorized use of a ROW or easement that obstructs, prevents access or crosses on top or within the vicinity of a pipeline is called an encroachment and can create a safety issue.

Rights-of-way should be kept clear of obstructions to enable Kansas Gas Service employees and contractors to safely operate, patrol, inspect, maintain and repair the pipelines as needed. It's important that you do not build or install any structures, plant trees or shrubs or store anything that could be an obstruction on or near a right-of-way.

In rural areas, you can spot a pipeline right-of-way by looking for line markers, like the ones shown in this image, which are used to indicate the presence of a buried pipeline. **In populated areas, pipeline markers may not be as obvious.**



Located near roads, railroads and along the pipeline right-of-ways

Pipeline casing vent

Painted metal or plastic posts

Marker for pipeline patrol planes

Reminder

### Call 811 before you dig

It's important to call 811 – in both populated and rural areas – to have underground utility lines located and marked before beginning any excavation project.

Rights-of-way may not always be marked, and can be located in areas such as yards, streets and sidewalks. Always call 811 before beginning any construction or digging projects on your property.



## Right-of-Way Reminders

### » Two Full Days

Always call 811 at least two full working days before you dig.

### » Cleared & Marked

Don't dig until the location of all utilities have been marked or cleared.

### » Digging Safely

Don't dig where there are marked utilities. Don't dig, build or store anything on or near a right-of-way.

### » Know Where to Plant

Don't plant trees or tall shrubs on or near a right-of-way.

For more information about right-of-way, visit [KansasGasService.com/safety](https://www.kansasgasservice.com/safety)



## Need Assistance with your bill?



If you need help paying your utility bills, visit [KansasGasService.com/Cares](https://www.kansasgasservice.com/Cares) for information on local assistance programs, such as LIEAP and Share The Warmth.

**Money is available, and it isn't a loan!**  
Visit [211.org](https://www.211.org) or call 211 for help today!

# Your Pipeline Responsibility



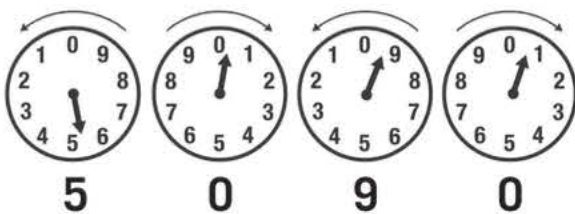
Kansas Gas Service maintains the pipes that deliver natural gas to the primary structure (such as a house or building). However, the customer or homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of any natural gas piping within the house or running to secondary structures or outdoor appliances (such as natural gas grills, pool heaters, customer owned distribution networks, etc.).

Customer-owned piping should be periodically inspected for leaks or corrosion and repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered. Inspections and any needed repairs should be completed by a licensed contractor.

## How to read your meter

Have you ever wondered how to read your natural gas meter? It's easy; just follow these three simple steps:

- 1 Read each dial in the direction of the arrow, starting with the dial on the left.
- 2 Record the last number the needle has passed, even if the needle has almost reached the next highest number.
- 3 You can then use that number to compare your meter reading with the reading that appears on your bill.



Use this illustration to test your meter-reading skills.

NOTE: the numbers are in a clockwise position on some dials and in a counterclockwise position on others.

#CookingWithGas

# Sweet Potato Quesadillas



Achieve the right amount of crispiness by heating your tortillas on a cast-iron skillet over a gas stove

## Ingredients

- 1½ cups finely chopped onions
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups grated peeled sweet potato
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 generous pinch of cayenne
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup finely minced cilantro
- Fresh lime juice to taste
- 1 cup grated Monterrey Jack
- 8 corn tortillas
- Sour cream and salsa for serving

## Preparation

- 1 On your natural gas range, set a large pan set over medium heat, sauté the onions and garlic in 3 tablespoons of the oil until the onions are translucent.
- 2 Add the grated sweet potatoes, chili powder, cumin and cayenne and cook, covered — covering is important to prevent sticking — for about 8-10 minutes, stirring every few minutes.
- 3 When the sweet potato is tender, add salt and pepper to taste and remove the filling from the heat. Add the cilantro. Squeeze 1/2 a lime over the sweet potatoes, mix, taste, and adjust with more lime and salt to taste.
- 4 To cook the quesadillas stovetop, heat 2 teaspoons oil over medium heat on your natural gas range. Fill tortillas lightly — less is more — with sweet potato filling and some cheese.
- 5 Fold them in half. Cook two at a time until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip. Cook until golden, about 2 more minutes. Repeat with remaining tortillas, cheese, filling, adding more oil as needed.
- 6 Serve with fresh lime, sour cream and salsa.

Enjoy!

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