

## PIPELINE SAFETY – BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT "ROW"

ROW 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.

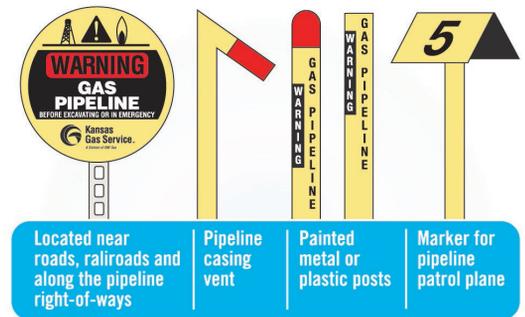
Unauthorized use of a ROW or easement that obstructs, prevents access or crosses on top or within the vicinity of a pipeline is called an encroachment and can create a safety issue.

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 are not always required.

### Call 811 Before You Dig

Since rights-of-way may not always be marked, and because they can be located in areas such as yards, streets and sidewalks, be cautious and always call 811 before beginning any construction or digging projects on your property. It is important to call 811 – in both populated and rural areas – to have underground utility lines located and marked before beginning any excavation, even if you're just installing a fence, mailbox, deck or sprinklers.



Curb markers located in residential areas



### Right-of-Way Reminders:

- Always call 811 at least two full business days before you dig.
- Don't dig until locations of all utilities have been marked or cleared.
- Don't dig where there are marked utilities.
- Don't plant trees or tall shrubs on or near a right-of-way.
- Don't dig, build or store anything on or near a right-of-way.

If you smell natural gas, leave the area, then call 911 and Kansas Gas Service at 888-482-4950. For more information about rights-of-way and natural gas safety, visit [KansasGasService.com](https://www.KansasGasService.com).



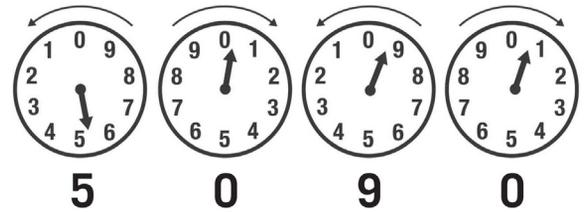
# NATURAL GAS

## Newsletter

### How to Read Your Meter

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

1. Read each dial in the direction of the arrow, starting with the dial on the left.
  - Notice the numbers are in a clockwise position on some dials and in a counterclockwise position on others.
2. Record the last number the needle has passed, even if the needle has almost reached the next highest number.
  - 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.*

### Save Time and Money With a Natural Gas Dryer



When it comes to quality, value and protecting your family's clothing, natural gas has it all sorted out. Natural gas clothes dryers are durable, economical and energy-efficient. They can freshen your fabrics quickly with fewer wrinkles and less static while saving you time and money.

Natural gas dryers have faster cycle times than electric dryers, and many can handle two loads of laundry for the same cost as drying one load in an electric dryer. That means your clothes will dry faster and fluffier at half the cost. Not only will you save time in the laundry room, but a more affordable energy source can provide significant savings on your energy bills too.

Next time you're shopping for a clothes dryer, choose natural gas – the option that is gentler on your clothes and your wallet.

### LIEAP: Energy Assistance For Those In Need

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides energy assistance to eligible households. LIEAP provides a one-time per year benefit that helps pay a portion of home energy costs.

The 2021 application period for LIEAP assistance begins January 4, and ends March 31. For more information on LIEAP or to find out if you qualify, visit [dcf.ks.gov/services](https://dcf.ks.gov/services) and scroll down to Energy Assistance (LIEAP) or call 800-432-0043.

To find additional financial resources available, visit [KansasGasService.com/cares](https://KansasGasService.com/cares).

