

# NATURAL GAS MATTERS

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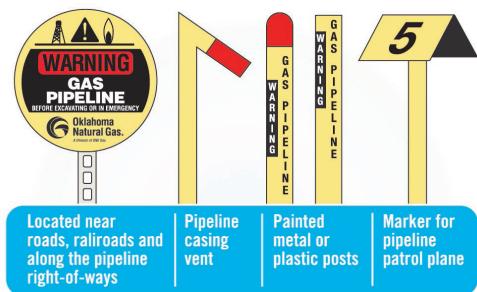


## PIPELINE SAFETY – WHAT IS A PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Every day, you rely on underground pipelines for the natural gas that warms your home, cooks your food and heats your water. While you can't see them, these buried pipelines play a vital role in keeping your house warm and cozy by delivering the energy that makes a house a home. We regularly monitor and maintain our pipelines so that they are operating safely. You can help with pipeline safety, too, by learning a few facts about pipeline rights-of-way.

### What Is a Pipeline Right-of-Way?

A pipeline right-of-way 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 to provide natural gas service. A right-of-way allows pipeline operators, like Oklahoma Natural Gas, to access their buried pipelines when needed.



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

Pipeline casing vent

Painted metal or plastic posts

Marker for pipeline patrol plane

Curb markers located in residential areas



Rights-of-way should be kept clear of obstructions to enable Oklahoma Natural Gas employees and contractors to safely operate, patrol, inspect, maintain and repair the pipelines. It's important that you do not install any structures, plant trees or shrubs or store anything that could be an obstruction on or near rights-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. It is important to always call 811 – in both populated and rural areas – to have underground utility lines located and marked before beginning any excavation.

### Call Before You Dig

Be cautious before beginning any construction or digging projects on your property, like installing a fence, mailbox, deck or sprinkler system – and always be sure to call 811. You should never dig or start building anything without first calling 811 to have the natural gas pipelines and other underground utilities marked at no cost to you.

### Right-of-Way Reminders:

- Always call 811 at least 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, before you dig.
- Don't dig until locations of all utilities are 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, store or place anything on or near a right-of-way.

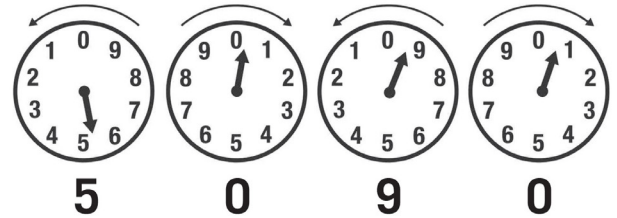
If you smell natural gas, leave the area then call 911 and Oklahoma Natural Gas at 800-458-4251.

For more information about rights-of-way and natural gas safety, visit [OklahomaNaturalGas.com](http://OklahomaNaturalGas.com).

## HOW TO READ YOUR METER

Learn 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.



## RATE PLAN REMINDER

Oklahoma Natural Gas offers rate plan options A and B for residential and certain nonresidential customers:

**Plan A** includes a lower monthly service charge coupled with a delivery fee based on the amount of Dekatherms\* consumed and is designed for:

- Residential customers with less than 50 Dekatherms of natural gas usage per year.
- Nonresidential customers with less than 40 Dekatherms of natural gas usage per year.

**Plan B** includes a higher monthly service charge but does not include a delivery fee and is designed for:

- Residential customers with 50 Dekatherms of natural gas usage or more a year.
- Nonresidential customers with 40 Dekatherms or more of natural gas usage per year but less than 150 Dekatherms per year.

As a Plan A or B customer, you have the option to select the plan that you believe will best suit your needs.

The cost of fuel – the natural gas you consume – is separate and is based on the amount Oklahoma Natural Gas paid to buy the gas on your behalf. The company makes no profit on the cost-of-fuel component of your bill.

Large commercial and industrial customers also have rates designed for their usage:

- For usage from 150 Dekatherms but less than 5,000 Dekatherms per year.
- For usage from 5,000 Dekatherms but less than or equal to 30,000 Dekatherms per year.

Confirm that you are on the right plan. Details about all rate plans (including specific service and delivery charges) are available in the Rate Information and Tariffs section at [OklahomaNaturalGas.com](http://OklahomaNaturalGas.com).

\*A Dekatherm (Dth) is a measure of energy content. One Dekatherm is the approximate energy content of 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

## COOKING WITH NATURAL GAS RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CREAMY SHRIMP PESTO PASTA

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound linguine pasta
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups half and half
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup pesto
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined

#### Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil over a high flame. Add linguine pasta, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain.
2. In a large skillet, melt the butter over a medium flame. Stir in half and half, and season with pepper. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Stir Parmesan cheese into cream sauce until thoroughly mixed. Add in the pesto, and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until thickened.
4. Stir in the shrimp, and cook until they turn pink, about 5 minutes. Serve over the hot linguine.

