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## 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 Oklahoma Natural Gas, ongoing access to their buried pipelines.

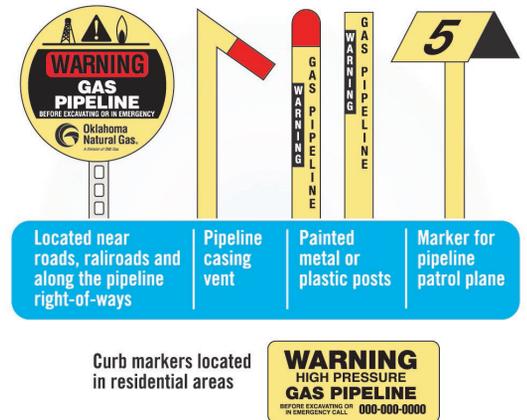
Unauthorized use of a ROW or easement that obstructs, prevents access or crosses on top or within the vicinity of a pipeline is called an encroachment and can create a safety issue.

Rights-of-way should be kept clear of obstructions to enable Oklahoma Natural Gas 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.



### Right-of-Way Reminders:

- Always call 811 at least 48 hours before you dig, excluding the day of notification, weekends and holidays.
- 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 Oklahoma Natural Gas at 800-458-4251. For more information about rights-of-way and natural gas safety, visit [OklahomaNaturalGas.com](http://OklahomaNaturalGas.com).



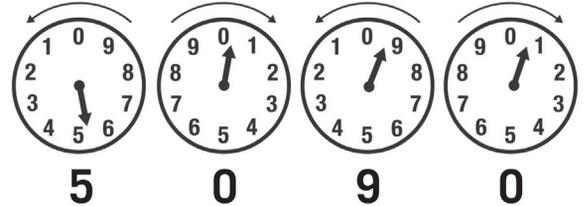
# NATURAL GAS

## 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.

### Rate Plan Reminder

Did you know that 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.

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.*

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Recipe of the Month



## SIMPLE SKILLET SALMON

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 (6 ounce) salmon fillets
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 lemon wedges

### Directions

1. Stir together the garlic powder, basil and salt in a small bowl; rub in equal amounts onto the salmon fillets.
2. Melt the butter in a skillet over a medium flame; cook the salmon in the butter until browned and flaky, about 5 minutes per side. Serve each piece of salmon with a lemon wedge.

