



Call before you dig.

It's the law! 1-800-272-1000 or 811

Know what's below when you're digging

The greatest risk to underground natural gas pipelines is accidental damage while digging. Even minor damage -- such as a scrape or dent to a pipeline or its coating may cause a leak or failure. To prevent damage to underground gas lines and ensure your safety, the customer, contractor or excavator must call 811 (New Jersey One Call) three full business days before a digging project begins on public or private property. They will collect information about your upcoming digging project, and contact all utilities, including PSE&G, to mark the locations of underground lines (free of charge) with flags, paint or both. Failure to comply with the law can jeopardize public safety, result in costly damages and lead to substantial fines.

How to detect a gas leak:

A gas leak is usually recognized by smell, sight, or sound.

- **Smell** – Natural gas is colorless and odorless. A distinctive odor like rotten eggs is added to help in the detection of leaks.
- **Sight**– You may see a white cloud, mist, fog, blowing dust, or bubbles in standing water. You may also see vegetation that appears to be dead or dying in an otherwise green area.
- **Sound** – You may hear a hissing, roaring, whistling or blowing sound coming from the ground or a gas appliance.

What to do if you suspect a gas leak:

If you think you smell a gas leak or see other signs, assume it is a leak.

- **Move** at least 350 feet away from the suspected gas leak area.
- **Call 911** or 1-800-880-PSEG (7734) once you are at a safe distance. Provide the exact location of the site, including cross streets.
- **Report** if sewer/underground construction or digging activities are taking place in the area.
- **Do not** smoke or operate electrical switches or appliances in the area. This may produce a spark that could ignite the gas and cause an explosion.
- **Do not** assume someone else will report the condition.

For more gas safety information, visit pseg.com/GasSafety.

Helpful resources:

- Office of Pipeline Safety phmsa.dot.gov
- New Jersey Board of Public Utilities nj.gov/bpu
- NJ One Call Center nj1-call.org
- Common Ground Alliance
commongroundalliance.com
- Northeast Gas Association northeastgas.org

- American Gas Association aga.org
- PSE&G pseg.com/Safety

Emergency numbers:

- PSE&G Call Center – **1.800.880.PSEG (7734)**
- NJ One Call Center – **1.800.272.1000 or 811**