

Subject: Natural Gas Pipeline Replacement Planned - Commercial

Dominion Energy Ohio plans to replace one or more gas pipelines in your neighborhood. Work is scheduled to begin within the month, pending permit approval. The work will take place in the public right of way, which includes the tree lawn area or a Dominion Energy Ohio-owned easement. This may require removal of barriers located in the right of way.

We may need to interrupt gas service for a short time during construction and want to minimize any inconvenience. For this reason, our onsite company representative will attempt to meet with business personnel who work at the service address.

When we arrive at your business, we likely will:

- Turn off your gas service for an extended period of time to perform our work
- Replace the service line, which delivers natural gas from our mainline to the gas meter
- Relocate an inside gas meter outside or change the gas meter
- Inspect and test any interior service lines
- Verify the reading on an inside meter
- Relocate the curb box valve using the least invasive method possible if the existing service line or curb box valve has been hindered by tree roots

We must have safe and easy access to the gas meter and gas appliances. If service is interrupted, we'll relight your appliances once our work is complete. If a problem is discovered with a gas appliance or any of the house lines, which run from the gas meter to the natural gas appliances, the property owner is responsible for having repairs made by a qualified plumber or contractor.

If an adult 18 years of age or older is not present to provide inside access when the work is completed, we will leave a notice on your door asking you to call us. If you call us after 7 p.m. on a weekday or anytime on the weekend, please ignore our "closed" message and remain on the line so that our dispatch center can schedule an appointment to restore your gas service and relight your appliances. **For safety reasons, it's important that only Dominion Energy Ohio representatives perform this work.** We are not responsible for potential injury to people or damage to property caused by anyone other than Dominion Energy personnel restoring gas service.

Once the work is completed, property restoration will begin as soon as the weather permits. There must be a favorable **extended** weather forecast before restoration work can be successfully completed. Delays may occur following winter construction projects. (On average, restoration begins after April 1. Spring rains can delay the work even longer.) Typical yard restoration is limited to grading and seeding. If sidewalk or driveway sections are damaged or removed during construction, we will replace them according to city specifications and standards. **Once restoration is completed it is the responsibility of the resident to water grassy areas daily.**

Safety is Dominion Energy Ohio's highest priority. We'll take every possible step to ensure the security of the area, your property, yourself and your family, and our employees. Any employee or contractor who will need to access inside gas equipment will carry a company photo ID.

Our intent is to cause the least amount of inconvenience to you during construction. Informational signs will be posted. General information about pipeline replacement efforts is available on our website at www.DominionEnergy.com, keyword: **Pipeline Replacement**, and by phone at 1-800-544-5768, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can also talk with our employees or contractors in the area.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve our lines to provide you the safest and most reliable gas service possible.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the existing mainline safe?

Yes, the existing mainline is safe. These enhancements are being conducted to meet all U.S. Department of Transportation's 192 Pipeline Integrity Regulations and requirements as part of a long-range upgrade program.

2. When will the work start and how long will it take?

Dominion Energy Ohio will schedule Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement program work in various neighborhoods throughout our service territory. We will notify you in advance of when we anticipate preliminary work to start on your property. Preliminary work may consist of surveying and staking the pipeline route and any other activity as required by the project. This letter serves as your notification for construction. Every attempt will be made to coordinate the work affecting your business, either through personal visit or a phone call.

3. Will there be an interruption in gas service?

If we are working on your gas line, we will need to turn off your service for a short period of time. Once work is completed, we'll test your gas lines, restore service and relight your appliances if there is an adult 18 years of age or older present. If there is not an adult present, we will leave a door tag asking you to call us to have your service restored when an adult is present. We must have access to the gas meter and all gas appliances.

4. Do I need to be present during construction?

No, you do not need to be home when we are working on your street. However, if there is active gas service at the location and it is interrupted due to construction, an adult 18 years of age or older will need to give us inside access to the business so that we can restore service and relight the appliances. We may also need access if we need to perform additional work, such as an interior service line inspection, meter change or installing automated meter reading equipment.

5. Will you need access to the gas meter?

We may need access to the gas meter and a three-foot area cleared around the meter in order to do our work. If an on-site inspector schedules an appointment with you, please take whatever steps are necessary to remove any obstructions so that we can reach the meter.

6. What's involved in moving the meter?

Before we relocate a gas meter, we will conduct a test of the house lines, which run from the gas meter to the natural gas appliances.

- If a problem is discovered with a gas appliance or any of the house lines, it is the responsibility of the property owner to have the repairs made by a qualified plumber or contractor.
- We will still complete the service line and meter relocation work, but gas service will remain off until the house lines and/or appliances are repaired.

7. Will you maintain sidewalk, driveway and traffic access?

Yes. Our goal is to maintain a walkable sidewalk, driveway access and an open lane of traffic at all times, including evening and weekends. There may be brief periods of time when sidewalk or street access is blocked due to actual construction. At your request, equipment can be moved in a timely manner.

8. Will parking be allowed?

Temporary parking restrictions may be necessary in some areas and signs will be posted where parking is banned. Public safety and traffic flow are top concerns.

9. Will you need to dig on my property – and if so, who's going to fix it?

Because natural gas pipelines are buried, some digging will be necessary in the public right of way, which includes the tree lawn area. If your service line, which is an underground pipe that runs from the street to the gas meter, needs to be replaced, we may need to dig on your property near the meter. Before we complete any work on private property, we will personally contact you or the landowner. Once work is complete, the restoration of yards, sidewalks and pavement will be done as quickly as possible. Typical yard restoration is limited to grading and seeding.

10. What about trees?

Dominion Energy Ohio will do whatever it can to employ construction techniques that are intended to protect trees and preserve their health during the project. If damage does occur, Dominion Energy Ohio will have the tree professionally removed to maintain a safe environment for residents and the general public. For the integrity of the new piping, trees cannot be replaced. Any sidewalk that is damaged or removed during construction will be replaced according to city specification and standards.

11. What safety standards will be enforced on this project?

All Dominion Energy Ohio Standard Safety and Operating Procedures along with all laws, regulations and ordinances that apply will be enforced on this project.

12. Will the location of the underground utility lines be marked prior to the start of construction?

Yes. All Dominion Energy Ohio underground utilities will be marked prior to the start of construction. We will also contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) and they will notify other member utilities to mark the location of their underground pipes or wires. Please do not remove the flags and markers from the ground. If you have a pet containment system and/or a sprinkler system, it is your responsibility to mark the location of these systems.

13. Is there any additional cost to me for this work?

Expenses for most pipeline upgrades are covered through an additional rider that is added to your monthly bills as part of the program's cost recovery approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). This rider may increase annually as the program progresses, upon review by the PUCO. Most customers will not experience any other additional costs associated with this work. There are two possible exceptions:

- Dominion Energy Ohio will cover the cost of necessary repairs or replacements to the service line (the piping that connects the mainline with the gas meter), **unless** the line must be repaired or replaced as a result of damage caused by the property owner, the customer or another party.
- For faulty gas lines running from the meter to the gas equipment, as well as faulty appliances or equipment, it is the responsibility of the property owner to hire a qualified contractor to address the issue(s). For your safety, we will not turn on the gas service until the issue(s) are corrected. Any faulty gas appliances will be red-tagged, and it will be the customer's responsibility to have the appliance repaired.

14. Will you need much space to work?

Large equipment, such as backhoes and shoring equipment will be used during construction and is necessary to replace and install any pipeline. This space allows Dominion the width necessary to lay, maintain and operate the pipelines in a safe construction zone.

15. Should I notify you if I have added any additional appliances that significantly increase my natural gas usage?

Yes, please contact us at 1-888-221-5674 if you've added any appliances that significantly increase your natural gas usage.

16. How can I get answers to my specific questions?

You can talk with the Dominion Energy Ohio representative who will be in your neighborhood or call our Pipeline Replacement Center at 1-800-544-5768.