

# Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and Emergency Information

for excavators and contractors



Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is a natural gas pipeline system in your area that is operated by Enbridge Inc. (Enbridge). You have received this brochure because your company is located – or may operate – near an area where Maritimes & Northeast pipelines and/or associated facilities exist. Please read and share the important safety information with anyone who conducts or makes decisions about ground disturbance activities like excavation, farming, tilling, plowing, construction, development, utility installation, oil and gas production, logging, railroad maintenance and anchoring or dredging operations.

**Emergency number: 1-888-444-6677**

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# About Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline

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## Awareness today means safer tomorrows

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Tomorrow is more than just the energy we transport. It's the energy we put in. It's the time we spend volunteering. It's our commitment to sustainability and the environment. It's the investments we make in our community to ensure the places we live and work are safe and vibrant. It's because we see the potential in people and care about the world around us. Tomorrow is on, and we're committed to making it better.

### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is a 1,432-km mainline transmission pipeline built to transport natural gas from developments offshore Nova Scotia to markets in Atlantic Canada and the northeastern United States.

A joint venture of Enbridge Inc. (77.53%), Emera Inc. (12.92%) and ExxonMobil (9.55%), Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia and operates an additional business office in Waltham, Massachusetts. The safe delivery of natural gas is at the core of everything we do, but we know we can't do it alone.



Please scan the QR code to learn more about **Tomorrow is on**: Enbridge and the energy transition.

# Know what's below



**Risk:** Failure to dig safely can endanger yourself, emergency responders and your community. Safe digging practices can save your life.

Maritimes & Northeast maintains a Damage Prevention Program in accordance with federal regulations. The purpose of this program is to prevent damage to our pipeline facilities from excavation activities such as digging, trenching, blasting, boring, tunnelling, backfilling or other activities such as heavy equipment crossing, storage on the right-of-way (ROW), etc. The Damage Prevention Program also monitors the depth of cover over our pipelines and conducts regular patrols of our ROW to monitor for unauthorized activities. To learn more about our Damage Prevention Program, visit [enbridge.com/damageprevention](http://enbridge.com/damageprevention).

If you see someone digging or disturbing the soil and there are no flags or marks on the ground, please call Maritimes & Northeast's 24-hour emergency number. When planning a digging project, one should not rely on word-of-mouth, maps, memory or pipeline markers.

Please make coworkers aware that they need to make a locate request by following the steps listed below.

## One-Call requirements



**1** At least two to three business days before your project—any time you are disturbing the soil (depending on provincial law)—visit [clickbeforeyoudig.com](http://clickbeforeyoudig.com) or call your local One-Call centre.



**2** When you call or click, you'll be connected to a representative, who will ask you to provide important details about your project, such as the type of work you'll be doing, where you'll be doing it and when your project is expected to begin.



**3** The One-Call centre representative will provide this information to pipeline operators, such as Maritimes & Northeast and other companies with buried utilities near the work site, saving you the time and trouble of contacting them individually.



**4** Within a few days, professional locators will come to your location and mark underground utility lines—including pipelines (marked with yellow flags or paint)—so you can work around them, saving yourself from possible injury or property damage.

# Know what's below

## Pipeline ROW and pipeline location

A pipeline follows a narrow, clear stretch of land, called a ROW, that allows our employees and contractors to access the pipeline for inspections, maintenance, testing and emergencies. The ROW is not designed to function as a road, as heavy vehicles and equipment can damage the pipelines below.

A few important notes when it comes to the ROW and pipeline markers:

- The pipeline marker displays the operator's name, the contents and an emergency phone number.
- It is prohibited to remove, relocate or damage pipeline markers.
- The ROW must remain clear to allow access for proper inspections, maintenance or in case of an emergency. Encroachments of the ROW such as structures, stockpiles, stored equipment and burn piles must have the company's written consent. Pipelines are patrolled from the air and the ground and obstructions can prevent proper inspections.
- The approximate location of a pipeline may be determined by a pipeline marker. However, markers should not be used to give exact locations and are not an alternative to contacting [clickbeforeyoudig.com](http://clickbeforeyoudig.com).
- Report any Maritimes & Northeast pipelines exposed by erosion or other causes to our 24-hour emergency number for your area.
- Choose a location other than the ROW as your muster point or meeting place when developing your emergency plans for your work site.



Vent marker



Line marker



Aerial marker

Marker appearance may vary in your area.

## Consent within the prescribed area and ROW

The **prescribed area** is a 30-m strip of land, measured perpendicularly on each side from the centreline of pipe(s). Within this area, any activities that can or might cause a ground disturbance cannot occur without written consent from Maritimes & Northeast—or the specified pipeline company—under regulatory requirements.

If written consent for an activity is granted, it is mandatory to then make a locate request in order to confirm and identify the location of the pipeline and any other underground utilities.

Any planned construction activities on, along, under or across the pipeline must also receive approval from Maritimes & Northeast in addition to a locate request, before going ahead. Written consent from Maritimes & Northeast is also required for vehicle or mobile equipment crossings within or travelling along the ROW.

## Canada Energy Regulator requirements and penalties

Maritimes & Northeast's pipelines are regulated by the Canada Energy Regulator (CER), which sets specific standards and regulations for compliance. These regulations help maintain the safety of our pipelines while allowing certain activities to occur (subject to review and conditions).

Activities on the ROW and prescribed area, including ground disturbance, excavation, vehicle/mobile equipment crossing, as well as construction, are subject to the Canadian Energy Regulator Act (CER Act), the CER Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations—Authorizations and CER Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations—Obligations of Pipeline Companies (together, the DPRs).

Violations of the CER Act and associated regulations such as the DPRs must be reported by the pipeline company to the CER. The CER Act sets the maximum daily fines (known as Administrative Monetary Penalties or AMPs) of up to \$25,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for companies (per violation).

More information about the DPRs and AMPs can be found on the CER website at [cer-rec.gc.ca](http://cer-rec.gc.ca).

# Know what's near you



## Above ground facilities

While most Maritimes & Northeast pipelines are buried underground, our system also includes additional facilities such as metering stations and natural gas storage. It's important that you know what to expect as part of the normal operations at these facilities.

If you notice any suspicious activity or an abnormal odour near one of our above ground facilities, call 911 immediately, then call Maritimes & Northeast's 24-hour emergency number for your area.

### Facility and purpose

**Metering stations** measure the flow of products through the pipeline.

**Valve sites** control the flow of products through the pipeline.




### Normal operations





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## Our safety measures

Safety is, and always will be, our number one priority. Our team devotes significant time every year to keeping our systems running smoothly and without incident. We invest heavily in safety measures, including:

-  Inspection and preventative maintenance programs
-  Around-the-clock monitoring of pipelines and facilities
-  Emergency response training and drills for employees and local emergency responders

-  Pressure tests on new and existing pipelines
-  Aerial and ground patrols along the pipeline ROW
-  Automatic shut-off and remote-control valves
-  High-quality pipeline materials and protective coatings

Enbridge has enhanced safety measures for pipelines that cross bodies of water and highly populated or environmentally sensitive areas.

To read more about our pipeline safety efforts, visit [enbridge.com/safety](https://enbridge.com/safety).

# Crossing or traversing the ROW

If any of your activities will encroach or cross a Maritimes & Northeast pipeline, ROW, or involve any construction activities within the prescribed area, you must contact Maritimes & Northeast for an assessment and written consent.

Some examples of such activities across, over, on, along or under a Maritimes & Northeast asset and/or ROW include:

- Construction or installation of a new facility
- Operation or movement of vehicles, mobile equipment or machinery outside of the travelled portion of a highway or public road
- Subdivision development
- Installation of agricultural drainage tile
- Overhead power lines that cross or parallel the specified area
- Maintenance of existing applicant facilities

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All metallic foreign lines need to be assessed for potential impact on our corrosion control.

Maritimes & Northeast must also be notified of blasting activities within 300 m of a Maritimes & Northeast pipeline ROW.

In addition to having your proposed activity assessed, we also have construction guidelines for you to follow when working around or near our ROW.



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Below are some general guidelines; however, there may be more job-specific construction guidelines that our representative will provide you prior to beginning your work.

- 1** Once written consent is obtained, we require at least two to three working days' notice prior to the commencement of any work over or near the ROW so we can field-locate our pipelines. Additionally, Maritimes & Northeast may require a representative on-site before any construction activities occur within the prescribed area. Your representative will inform you if this is required. If any work being performed is deemed unsafe, your representative is authorized to stop such activities.
- 2** No building, structure or obstruction is allowed to be erected within the pipeline ROW. If you have questions related to the width of the pipeline ROW, just ask and we'll be happy to share that information with you.
- 3** A company representative must give written approval for heavy/non-exempt equipment to cross pipelines at any location.
- 4** Excavation within the pipeline ROW must be performed in accordance with company-approved procedures.
- 5** In addition to complying with the above requirements, you must follow all federal and/or provincial laws and regulations including applicable One-Call requirements. To learn more, visit [clickbeforeyoudig.com](http://clickbeforeyoudig.com).

## Crossing during an emergency:

If a crossing is required while responding to an emergency, please call Maritimes & Northeast's emergency number before crossing the ROW.

➤ **1-888-444-6677**

## Non-emergency crossings:

If you are planning work on the right-of-way, such as building a fence, deep tilling, digging a ditch, operating equipment or have crossings-related inquiries, please email [crossingscanada@enbridge.com](mailto:crossingscanada@enbridge.com) or call **1-800-668-2951**.

For more information, visit [enbridge.com/crossings](http://enbridge.com/crossings).

# Contact Maritimes & Northeast

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In case of an emergency, please find a safe place to **call 911** and then call Maritimes & Northeast at:

**1-888-444-6677**

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To reach a Maritimes & Northeast land representative, call **1-800-668-2951** (toll-free) or email [landcontactcan@enbridge.com](mailto:landcontactcan@enbridge.com).

## How to reach us



### Phone:

(non-emergencies only)  
1-877-640-8665



### Email:

[cdnpublicawareness@enbridge.com](mailto:cdnpublicawareness@enbridge.com)



### Mail:

Public Awareness Program  
200, 425 1st Street S.W.  
Calgary, AB T2P 3L8



### Website:

[mnpp.com](http://mnpp.com)  
[enbridge.com/publicawareness](http://enbridge.com/publicawareness)



### Facebook:

[facebook.com/enbridge](https://facebook.com/enbridge)

## Call or Click Before You Dig

- [clickbeforeyoudig.com](http://clickbeforeyoudig.com)
- Atlantic Dig Safe/Info-Excavation  
**1-866-344-5463**  
[atlanticdigsafe.ca](http://atlanticdigsafe.ca)

## Links for more information

Information about product characteristics can be found at [enbridge.com/publicsafetyinfo](http://enbridge.com/publicsafetyinfo).

To view maps of Maritimes & Northeast pipelines in your area, **visit [enbridge.com/map](http://enbridge.com/map)**.

## CER

Please scan the QR code to view the CER's "Living and Working Near Pipelines" brochure.



# Critical safety information



**Risk:** Ignoring the critical safety information below could create additional hazards for the public, responders and the environment.

## Recognizing a pipeline leak

In the unlikely event of a pipeline leak, one or any combination of the items listed below can typically help you recognize a leak.



### You might see:

- Dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown into the air
- Flames, if gas is ignited
- A white vapour stream or mist-like cloud
- Unexpected frost buildup on the ground
- Dead or dying vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Continuous bubbling in wet areas or at a pond, creek or river



### You might hear:

- An unusual roaring, blowing, hissing or loud whistling sound



### You might smell:

- Odourized pipelines: An unusual sulphur or rotten egg odour
- Unodourized pipelines: A slight smell similar to diesel fuel or oil

## Hazards associated with a natural gas pipeline leak or rupture



Dizziness or suffocation if a leak occurs in a confined space



Ignition/fire if an ignition source is present during a leak, which may result in burns



Potential explosion if the natural gas is mixed with air



Projectiles ejected by the force of escaping gas

## In the event of a pipeline leak



Do not touch any liquid or vapour that may have come from the pipeline.



Do not drive into the area.



Do not remain in a building if the smell is stronger inside than outside.



Do not turn on or off anything that may create a spark – including cell phones, telephones, two-way radios, light switches, vehicle alarms, vehicle keyless entry systems and flashlights – until you are in a safe location.



Do not light a match and avoid open flames.



Do not attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire.



Do not open or close any pipeline valves; leave all valve operations to pipeline company personnel.

## What happens next?

Public safety will be the top priority as Maritimes & Northeast, contractors and local emergency responders work together to evaluate and respond to a pipeline leak. Local public safety officials will determine whether residents should evacuate or shelter in place.

## Steps for a safe response

If you are in immediate danger, damage the pipeline (including coming into contact with the pipeline coating) or observe or suspect a pipeline leak – even if you are uncertain of the severity – take the following steps:

- 1 Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area, moving upwind of the product release.
- 2 Warn others to stay away.
- 3 **Call 911.**
- 4 Call the toll-free, 24-hour Maritimes & Northeast emergency number for your area: **☎ 1-888-444-6677.**
- 5 Follow instructions given to you by local emergency responders and Maritimes & Northeast.