

NOTICE OF: BRUSH, TREE REMOVAL

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Dear Property Owner,

Our top priority is providing safe, reliable natural gas service, while complying with various government agencies requirements. It is crucial that we have access to our natural gas transmission facilities, most of which are buried underground, for regular patrols, assessments or if we need to mitigate an equipment issue. In order to do this, we are implementing a new vegetation management program that will regularly maintain trees and brush along our natural gas transmission rights of way.

Employees from Xcel Energy's vegetation management contractor,

_____ ,
will be working in your area in the coming weeks. They will perform routine maintenance in accordance with our "Vegetation Management Guidelines" and common industry practices, on the natural gas transmission lines and/or facilities running through your property or adjacent properties based on our easements.

- Brush will be cleared from the area and may be treated with an EPA-registered herbicide.** The extensive growth of vegetation needs to be cleared from the ground so the underground and above ground facilities are accessible. Our contractors will cut and clear the current growth away and may use a herbicide to prevent future growth.
- One or more of your trees have been identified as needing to be completely removed to the ground.** This is necessary because of the proximity to the natural gas facilities. Our contractor will cut the tree(s) as close to the ground as practical. The wood will be left on site, the limbs will be hauled away, and where applicable, the stump(s) may be treated with an EPA-registered herbicide to prevent re-sprouting.

This service is provided at no cost to you to ensure we have access to our facilities and to ensure compliance with various government agencies' rules and regulations.

If you wish to discuss the necessary work, please call

_____ at (_____) _____.

Otherwise expect crews to arrive in the coming weeks.

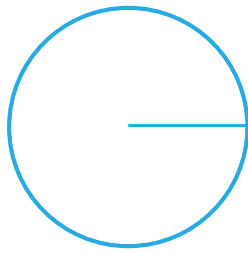
Thank you for your cooperation as we work to provide safe, reliable natural gas service.

Sincerely,
Xcel Energy

Work Description:

Date : ____ / ____ / ____

Pipe #: _____ CO

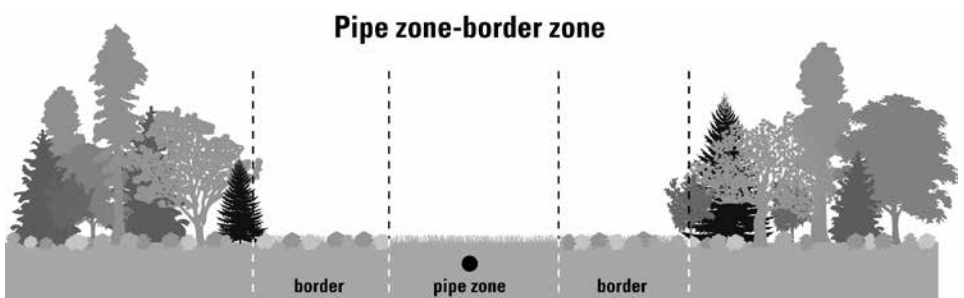


Please call and notify us if:

- **You wish to discuss necessary tree removal**
- **You have a pet and/or locked gate, as we need a day's notice**
- **You do not own the property**

The primary objective of the natural gas transmission vegetation management clearance program is to keep our natural gas facilities clear of all trees, brush and other vegetation that could prevent access to them. This is accomplished by routine vegetation management including tree removal, vegetation mowing and removal, and herbicide application. To learn more about our vegetation management programs, please visit xcelenergy.com/trees.

Sometimes our electric transmission or distribution lines will run along the same corridor as our natural gas facilities. For our natural gas facilities, we need a clearance of at least 20 feet in the pipe zone (please see diagram below), with additional clearing in the border zone as necessary.



If You Smell Natural Gas

Because natural gas has no odor, we add the harmless chemical mercaptan to our gas. We add this odorant to help you smell a leak; its odor is best described as rotten eggs or sulfur-like.

If there is any reason to believe that there are issues with Xcel Energy's natural gas system, or if the rotten egg smell of natural gas is detected, immediately vacate the premises and call **911**, as well as Xcel Energy at **1-800-895-2999**.

More natural gas safety information is available at

http://www.xcelenergy.com/Safety_&_Operation/At_Home_&_Work/Natural_Gas_Safety

