

ALWAYS KNOW WHAT'S BELOW

Beneath your green grass is a complex network of pipes and wires that bring natural gas, electricity, communications, water, sewer and other utilities into your home. These lines can be easily damaged by something as small as springtime digging to install a mailbox or plant a tree.

Nationwide, one out of every three damages to underground utilities is the result of uninformed digging. Carelessly striking a pipeline is the most common cause of natural gas emergencies.

Nearly all these accidents can be prevented by calling 811 before digging. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811 by phone or at Georgia811.com. In fact, it's the law in Georgia.

"Calling 811 is really the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely and keep your

family and neighbors safe and connected to essential utilities," said Savannah Chandler, Walton Gas communications coordinator.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Electric Power
Lines, Cables,
Conduit, and
Lighting Cables

Telecommunication,
Alarm or Signal
Lines, Cables, or
Conduit

Natural Gas, Oil, Steam,
Petroleum, or Other
Gaseous or Flammable
Material

Sewers and
Drain Lines

Potable
(Drinkable)
Water

Reclaimed Water,
Irrigation, and
Slurry Lines

Proposed
Excavation
Limits or Route

There's some
valuable stuff
buried under
your lawn. Call
811 before
you dig!



Follow these steps to safer digging:

- 1 Make the call.** One free, simple phone call to 811 will notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.
- 2 Provide advance notice.** Contact 811 at least three full business days (but no more than 10 days) prior to digging.
- 3 Allow utilities to mark underground lines.** Affected utilities will send professional locators to the dig site to mark the location of underground lines.
- 4 Understand the location marks.** Each type of buried utility has its own color code. For instance, yellow signifies a natural gas line. Marks may be painted or located with flags.

Even when lines are marked, accidents happen. If you make contact with a natural gas line, call Atlanta Gas Light at 877-427-4321.

gas up
the stove



Ground beef makes this salad hearty & satisfying!

Hamburger Salad

ground beef, browned
lettuce, chopped
black olives, sliced
tomatoes, diced
sharp cheese, shredded
Thousand Island dressing,
or dressing of choice
salt

Layer lettuce and ground beef.
Add olives, tomatoes and
cheese. Top with salad
dressing and finish with salt.
All amounts are up to you!

Submitted by Wanda Argo, Rockmart.

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Natural Gas Fuels Fleets

Making the change to cleaner, safer and cheaper fuel

More Georgia corporate and public entities are making the switch — from petroleum to compressed natural gas, that is. They're choosing to operate natural gas vehicles — NGVs, for short — to help reduce vehicle emissions that contribute to poor air quality.

"Natural gas vehicles are an alternative, proven technology that can help businesses and local governments achieve their sustainability goals," said Ian Skelton, director of natural gas vehicles for Atlanta Gas Light (AGL). Walton Gas markets natural gas supplied through AGL pipelines.

Compressed natural gas (CNG) is attractive for commercial fleets because it is cleaner, safer and cheaper than traditional fuels. NGVs produce up to 90 percent fewer emissions than gasoline- or diesel-fueled vehicles. They also reduce greenhouse gases 15 to 20 percent over diesel and gasoline, according to AGL.

There are more than 175,000 natural gas vehicles on U.S. roads today. Most are heavy- and medium-duty commercial vehicles such as pickup trucks and vans, refuse trucks, transit buses and short-haul freight trucks.

The number of natural gas-fueled vehicles has been climbing in Georgia since the 1990s. UPS operates about 600 NGVs statewide. MARTA, Atlanta's mass transit system, has about 375 NGV buses. Officials in DeKalb County recently announced that, for the first time, natural gas topped diesel as the primary fuel for their vehicles.

The increased availability of public CNG fueling stations located on Atlanta Gas Light's distribution system is making NGVs an increasingly attractive choice for fleets of all different sizes and descriptions. There are currently 26 public CNG filling stations in the state, half concentrated in the metro Atlanta area.

Skelton encourages any fleet manager interested in making a fuel change to contact him about options and opportunities. Walton Gas can provide service for any CNG fueling station along AGL lines. Skelton can be reached at iskelton@southernco.com.



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NGVs
90%

FEWER EMISSIONS THAN
GASOLINE- OR DIESEL-FUELED
VEHICLES

AND

REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES

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