

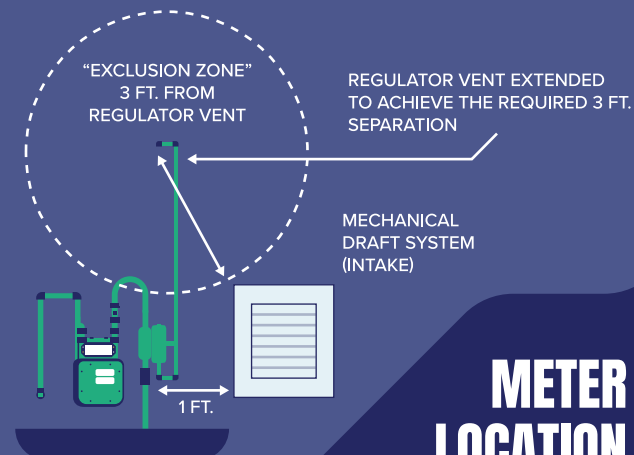
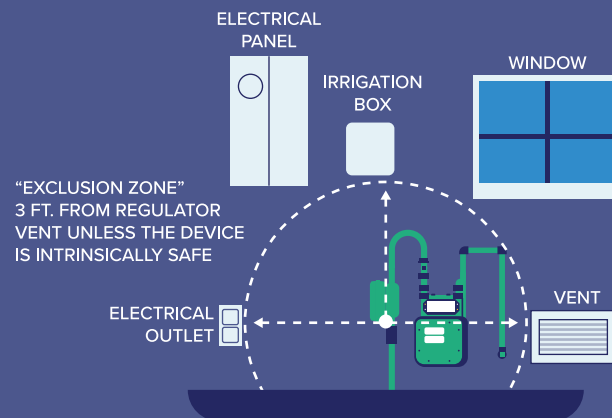


# BUILDING ENCROACHMENTS ON NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

For Arizona Residents

## WHAT IS AN ENCROACHMENT?

An encroachment is a structure (four walls and a roof) over buried or exposed gas lines that is used for **human occupancy** OR has **power going to it**.



## METER LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

### Gas Meters CANNOT Be Located:

Inside enclosed structures, living quarters, garages, mechanical rooms, on fences, or in unventilated/inaccessible locations.

### Gas Meters MUST Be Located:

In ventilated spaces readily visible and accessible for reading, replacement, and maintenance. Refer to the regulator and meter diagram above to understand proper natural gas meter placement in relation to structures.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Do you have an existing structure or are planning a home addition, new guest house, or new shed with electrical power? Make sure there isn't an underground natural gas pipeline where you plan on putting these projects before you start your project.

Finding out is **FREE**, easy, and it's the law. Contact **811** at least two working days before digging or excavating for these projects.

Building and structural encroachments over natural gas pipelines can cause unsafe conditions and may increase the chance of damage to these gas facilities. Natural gas lines can be located anywhere.

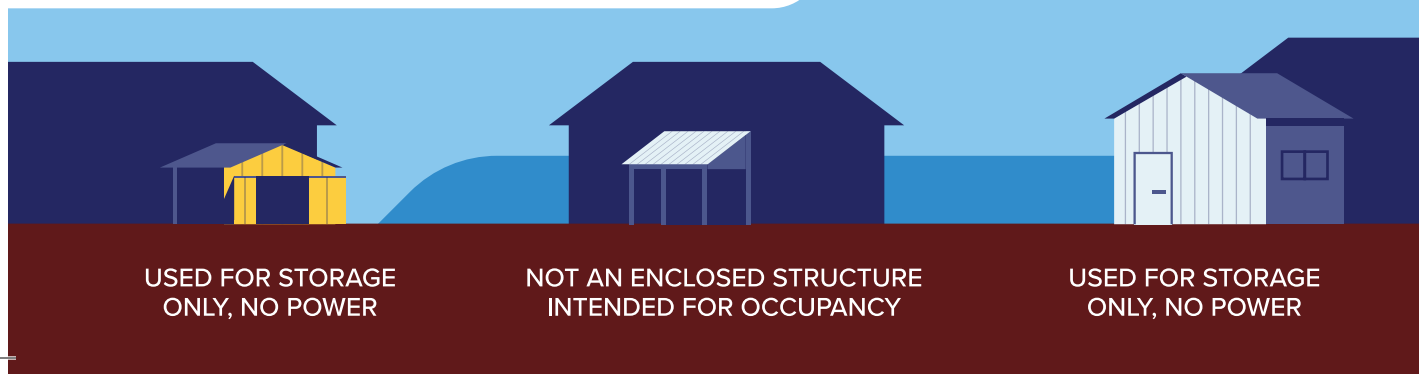
If there is a conflict with the existing natural gas pipeline or meter, contact Southwest Gas at **877-860-6020** to inquire about relocating these facilities. Please allow 4-6 weeks to schedule the work. There may be a fee to perform the relocation.

## EXAMPLES OF ENCROACHMENT

Structures over buried or exposed gas lines that are used for human occupancy OR has power going to it.



## THESE ARE **NOT** ENCROACHMENTS



## HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO A **NATURAL GAS LEAK**



### **SMELL**

A distinct sulfur-like odor, similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary.



### **HEAR**

A hissing or roaring coming from the ground or aboveground pipeline or natural gas appliance.



### **SEE**

Dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying plants or grass, or standing water continuously bubbling.

### **IF YOU SUSPECT A NATURAL GAS LEAK:**

Evacuate the area and inform others to do the same. From a safe location call **911** and **Southwest Gas** at **877-860-6020**, day or night.

## **SOUTHWEST GAS EMPLOYEES**

and authorized contractors may be in your neighborhood for a variety of important safety and service-related reasons.



Scan the QR code to learn how to identify them.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit [swgas.com/safety](https://swgas.com/safety) or call **877-860-6020**.