



Important Safety Information

Lawn Care Activities near Gas Meters & Piping

VGS provides natural gas to customers in Chittenden, Franklin, and Addison counties. If you or your company performs lawn care activities in these areas, please note the following:

- a) Lawn mowers and other yard maintenance equipment can damage gas facilities – creating a potentially hazardous condition.
- b) In areas where excavating activities are going to take place, the location of buried gas lines are marked with paint, flags, or stakes. Removing or displacing these markings can potentially cause a dangerous situation.
- c) Mulch, topsoil, and similar materials, if placed around meters, could cause the meter to corrode.

When engaged in lawn care activities follow these safety tips:

- 1) Identify the location of gas meters before beginning work.**
- 2) Use care when using mowers, trimmers, etc. around gas meters and piping - maintain a margin of safety when using riding tractors near gas facilities.**
- 3) Make sure the base of gas meters are not buried in mulch, topsoil or similar materials.**
- 4) Do not mow over or remove gas line markings (paint, flags, or stakes).**
- 5) Call Dig Safe at 811 forty-eight hours before doing any sort of digging (tree planting, stump removal, post setting, etc.). VGS will send a technician to mark the location of buried gas lines which we maintain - so you will know where they are.**

If you damage a gas meter or piping while performing lawn care activities, please contact VGS at (802) 863-4511. We will send a Technician to evaluate the situation and make any necessary repairs. **If you detect a leak (natural gas has a rotten egg like odor), evacuate the area and eliminate sources of ignition - do not ring doorbells, turn light switches on or off, etc. Notify the local fire department (911) and Vermont Gas immediately at (802) 863 - 4511.**

Sincerely,

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