

Natural Gas Right-of-way Guidelines

Ensuring safety and reliability



SCE&G strives to maintain safe and reliable standards for its natural gas pipeline system. To protect public safety and ensure the continuous delivery of natural gas to customers, SCE&G must control and restrict certain activities within its rights of way. This brochure provides a basic overview of SCE&G right-of-way guidelines.

What is a “Right-of-way”?

“Right-of-way” refers to the corridor SCE&G uses to build and maintain natural gas transmission and distribution facilities in order to serve its customers.

SCE&G, as with all utilities, is required to perform regular maintenance on its rights of way. A clear right-of-way allows for:

- Unrestricted entry and access to all facilities at all times for regular maintenance and during emergency situations.
- Easy identification and monitoring of transmission and distribution facilities.
- Preventing third-party damage.
- Uninterrupted gas supply.

Right-of-way Guidelines

SCE&G may allow certain improvements and activities in its rights of way. However, SCE&G will not assume responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any such improvements directly or indirectly damaged as a result of its operation and maintenance of its facilities.

The following activities are generally allowed within the natural gas right-of-way without a permit from SCE&G:

- Planting of lawn grasses
- Planting of row or cover crops
- Planting of vegetable gardens
- Planting of flowers
- Planting of small shrubs
- Normal agricultural activities

Structures/activities that require a permit

SCE&G may allow some structures and activities within rights of way in certain instances. If allowed, certain guidelines apply and a permit may be required. Examples include:

- Fences* (see details below)
- Water lines/sprinklers (all sprinkler heads must be three feet (minimum) from pipeline)
- Communication cables
- Driveways
- Parking/parking lots
- Roadways
- Electric lines
- Overhead cables
- Sewer lines
- Drainage ditches
- Logging roads
- Excavation or filling
- Blasting

To apply for a permit, contact SCE&G at 1-800-251-SCEG (7234).

** Fences or continuous hedges that block visual inspection or interfere with access to SCE&G facilities are prohibited within the right-of-way. Fences permitted by SCE&G to cross its right-of-way must be designed to allow at least a 12' opening centered on the pipeline and must cross at or near 90 degrees. Gates are permissible, as long as they allow for at least a 12' opening. If gates are to be locked, SCE&G must be allowed to install its own locks on the gates. Locks will be installed in such a manner as to allow both the landowners and SCE&G unimpeded access to the property. Placement of posts must be a minimum of two feet from the pipeline and hand dug.*

Prohibited structures/activities

Some structures and activities within the rights of way do not allow for ongoing maintenance and access requirements, or may create safety concerns for you, your neighbors or SCE&G employees.

Examples of structures or activities prohibited within SCE&G's natural gas rights of way include:

- Houses
- Barns
- Pole sheds
- Permanent dog and animal shelters
- Picnic shelters
- Septic tanks or drain fields
- Satellite equipment or antennas
- Basketball goals (in-ground)
- Set poles
- Abandoned materials
- Ponds, pond dams
- Water retention/diversion
- Wells
- Guy wires
- Valves
- Electrical boxes
- Signs
- Decorative lights
- Street lamps
- Mail boxes
- Trees
- Large shrubs
- Curbing
- Concrete pads
- Stockpiled materials
- Mobile homes
- Deer stands or blinds
- Playground equipment
- Dumpsters, trash dumps or junk cars
- Swimming pools
- Decks or porches
- Roof overhangs
- Breezeways
- Patios
- Outdoor grills or pits
- Camping sites or campers
- Tree farms (including Christmas tree farms)

Permitting Guidelines

Consult SCE&G early in your planning

SCE&G must review and approve all plans for construction proposed on SCE&G rights of way. To expedite your construction or excavation projects, contact SCE&G Gas Operations and prepare to submit your plan before applying for permits or committing to construction.

Notify SCE&G before construction begins **NO** construction or excavation activities of any kind, including blasting, should be done on SCE&G right-of-way before SCE&G employees have established the exact location and elevation of all affected facilities and the limits of the right-of-way. SCE&G employees must be present during any construction or excavation activities on or around the company's facilities or rights of way, unless otherwise permitted by SCE&G. Excavation within three feet of SCE&G facilities is strictly forbidden without an SCE&G representative on site.

To coordinate this procedure, call SCE&G at 1-800-251-SCEG (7234) or use the Contact Us link at the top of any page of our website at sceg.com. Request that location be determined when calling Palmetto Utility Protection Service (PUPS) at 811.

For information on electric easements, call 1-800-251-SCEG (7234) or see SCE&G's electric transmission right-of-way guidelines at sceg.com.



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This "Right-of-way Guidelines" addresses the most common land uses on or near SCE&G rights of way. Additional technical information is available upon request to SCE&G. The information, including the allowable uses, contained in this pamphlet is for informational purposes only and does not create any obligation on behalf of SCE&G or rights in SCE&G right-of-way. In some cases, SCE&G may determine, in its sole discretion, that a particular land use is not feasible for a particular project or SCE&G right-of-way.