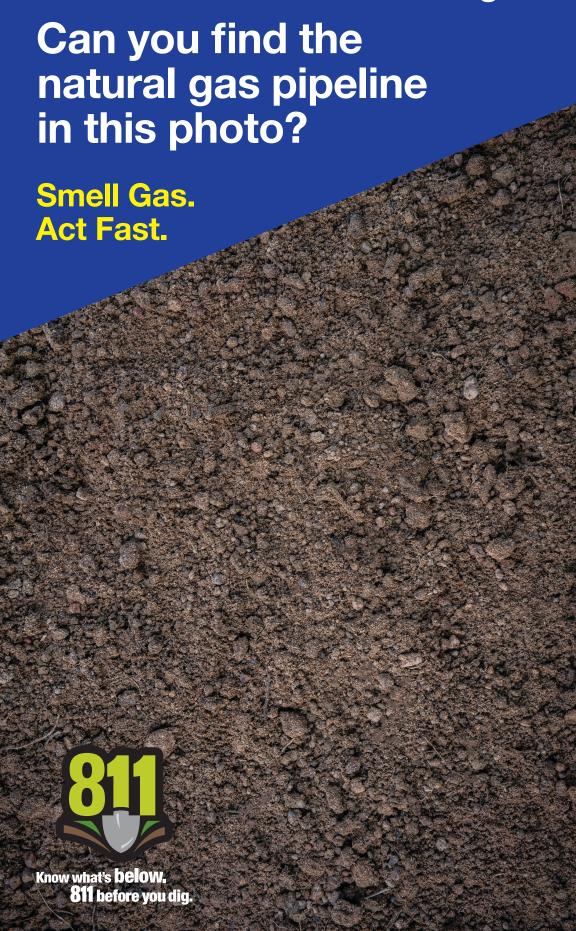
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Of course you can't! That's why you must always notify 811 to have buried utilities marked, and then pothole to verify the precise location and depth of marked lines.

Follow these simple steps to protect underground utilities and prevent costly property damage, injuries and even deaths.

- 1. Always contact your state 811 center before you dig and for the most current requirements.
- 2. Wait the required time for buried utilities to be located and marked:
 - 72 hours in Massachusetts and Rhode Island (excluding weekends and legal holidays).
 - Two full working days in New York (excluding the date of your request, weekends and legal holidays).
- **3. Remember** that locate marks are not precisely accurate and never indicate utility depth.
- 4. Do not use mechanical excavation equipment within the "tolerance zone." which spans the width of a marked utility plus a specified distance from each indicated outside edge - 18 inches in MA and RI and 24 inches in NY.
- 5. Visually verify the location and depth of a marked utility line by carefully hand digging test holes (potholes).



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