



# About Your Easement with Colonial

## A Word About Easements...

The pipeline right of way or easement is the area over and on either side of the pipeline in which you and Colonial Pipeline share a legal interest. An easement agreement, which was negotiated when the pipeline was installed, gives Colonial the legal right to bury, maintain and retain access to the pipeline on your property for general maintenance and repair. Changes in property ownership do not alter the easement agreement, which remains valid regardless of the owner. Landowners can obtain a copy of their individual easement agreement from their local county courthouse.

Many activities are allowed on the pipeline right of way. But there are also usage restrictions to ensure your safety, the safety of your family and of your community. General right of way “do’s and don’ts” are listed on this page. If you have any questions about whether a specific activity is allowed, contact Land Management Services at 1.800.925.7473, extension 2481.

## When We Access Your Property

Colonial may access your property to inspect the pipeline, perform maintenance, or mow and clear the pipeline right of way. Mowing and clearing activities keep the right of way clear of overgrowth that can restrict safety observations of the pipeline corridor from the air or during foot patrols.

Colonial makes reasonable efforts to notify you prior to accessing your property. When maintenance is scheduled, you will likely receive a letter explaining the planned work and a personal introduction when we enter your property. If work is unscheduled, Colonial will attempt to contact you in person prior to the start of work. If you are not home, a message will be left on your door.

## Call Before You Dig

Colonial posts, yellow, red and black pipeline markers at regular locations along the right of way. These markers indicate that a pipeline is buried below, but do not show the exact location or depth. That’s why whenever you will be digging in the vicinity of the pipeline, it is important to call 811, the national one call locating service. A single call to 811 gets all underground lines marked for free and prevents damage to the pipeline, loss of service, delay of your project, fines, injury or even death.



**Know what's below ... Always Call  
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## Allowed Activities

- Shallow cultivation of lawns, flower and vegetable gardens, provided the digging depth does not exceed 12 inches
- Installation of low-growing ornamental shrubs with a maximum expected height of 4 feet; Shrubs must be maintained by owner at a 4 foot height
- Livestock grazing
- Use as a play area, provided no equipment/structures are permanently installed or staked to the ground
- Use as sports field, park, walking trail, etc., subject to specific easement use restrictions

## Right of Way Restrictions

- **NO** mechanized ditching or excavation within 5 feet of the extremities of the pipeline; hand digging only within 2 feet of the pipeline
- **NO** excavation or construction over the pipeline or within the right of way without Colonial personnel present
- **NO** sub-grading, grading or fill placed over the pipeline unless approved by Colonial
- **NO** impoundment of water (installation of pools, ponds, etc.)
- **NO** permanent structures (buildings, sheds, decks, patios, concrete slabs, etc.)
- **NO** obscuring of pipeline markers from public view
- **NO** heavy equipment or vehicles parked or moved across the right of way without Colonial engineering analysis & approval
- **NO** trees planted on the right of way
- **NO** wells or boring activities
- **NO** blasting in the vicinity of the pipeline
- **NO** pile driving
- **NO** storage of flammable materials or burning of trash/debris on the right of way
- **NO** fences, roads, or temporary structures without written consent from Colonial