

Prescribed Burning: What you need to know

What is a “prescribed burn”?

In simple terms, a ‘prescribed burn’, also known as a controlled or planned burn, is the intentional burning activity to a predetermined area or material under controlled conditions.

How does this affect me?

You may live or work near a TC Energy right-of-way or easement, and prescribed burns can create a risk to both aboveground and underground infrastructure. For this reason, **any activity, including burning, in a TC Energy easement or right-of-way requires consultation with a TC field representative.**



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What do I need to do?

The use of fire is an unpredictable event that requires a lot of planning well in advance. You can use the following steps as a guide to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of your land and the surrounding area.

Note: In addition to these steps, please also ensure to inquire with local officials for any requirements regarding burning permits, fire bans or safety concerns at the local municipal level.

Prior to Any Burning Activity

- 1. Call your local One-Call at least two weeks prior to the planned burn date to determine if any utilities could be impacted.**
 - The One-Call service will notify utility owners in the area, so they can evaluate and identify any potential impacts
 - If you don't know who to contact, you can call 811 anywhere in the United States to reach your local service, or visit www.Call811.com for more details.
- 2. If your planned prescribed burn has been identified to impact TC Energy's easement:**
 - A 2-week (10-business day) notification period to TC Energy is required to ensure the proper measures and procedures are followed to mitigate any risks or dangers
- 3. During that notification period:**
 - A leak survey is to be performed by TC Energy and documented on a Stakeout Report
 - The leak survey should include the proposed burning area and a 300 foot sweep surrounding the proposed burning area

Note: The leak survey is only valid for 7-days. If the prescribed burning has not taken place in that 7-day period, a new leak survey is required.

 - An identification of all above-ground structures, objects or other infrastructure is to be performed to identify appropriate safety setbacks from the burning area

Note: Setbacks are to be maintained via prior hand/ mechanical brushing or water spraying
- 4. The day of the prescribed burn:**
 - A Job Safety Analysis shall be performed on-site with both parties
 - The Job Safety Analysis will identify all potential hazards and ensure they have been addressed
 - The Job Safety Analysis will list all emergency contact information including Gas Control
 - The Stakeout Report will be reviewed and signed
 - The Stakeout Report will verify authorization of the burn and leak survey completion

Important contact information

Call or Click Before You Dig

Phone 811
Online Locate Requests www.call811.com

General inquiries

Phone 1-855-458-6715
Email public_awareness@tcenergy.com

Landowner inquiries

Phone 1-877-287-1782

Crossing or encroachment agreements

Email us_crossings@tcenergy.com
Phone 1-800-562-8931

Emergency numbers

Keystone Pipeline 1-866-920-0007
TC Energy Natural Gas 1-800-447-8066
Portland Natural Gas
Transmission System (PNGTS) 1-800-830-9865
Columbia Gas Transmission,
Crossroads Pipeline, Hardy Storage Company
& Millennium Pipeline 1-800-835-7191
Columbia Gulf Transmission 1-866-485-3427

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