

Right-of-Way Fast Facts

1. How wide is a right-of-way?

- a. The width varies depending upon the terms of the easement, how many pipelines are using the right-of-way and how big they are. Normally, Wolverine's right-of-way is at least 50 feet wide. You can find out exactly how wide an easement is on your property by contacting Wolverine's Right-of-Way Agent at 269-323-2491, extension 24.

2. How do I know where it is safe to dig?

- a. Call 811. This free call connects you to your State One-Call System where they will take your information and notify all pipelines and other buried utilities that might be affected so each company can send a representative to mark their lines. If you are digging near one of Wolverine's pipelines, our representative will be present during the excavation to ensure there is no damage. There is no cost to you for Wolverine's representative to be present.

3. What can I plant on the easement?

- a. Lawn grass, vegetable and flower gardens, annual agricultural crops, and landscape vegetation with a mature height of less than five feet are all acceptable.

4. How close can I build to the pipeline?

- a. Wolverine prevents any building within the easement area, but local ordinances may require a "set back" from an easement. Check with your local building inspector before you begin.

5. How deep is the pipeline?

- a. New pipelines are usually at least 3 feet deep, but older lines could be shallower than that. The depth varies depending upon the terrain and any obstacles such as roads and ditches. The only way to know for sure is to call for a Wolverine representative to visit the site and locate the pipeline. Wolverine never charges for this service.

6. Why is it important to clear the right-of-way?

- a. Pipeline companies are required by law to inspect their rights-of-way at least 26 times per year. The only practical way to do this is by air. Trees make it impossible to detect many problems that could occur. Most importantly, trees make it impossible to respond in a timely manner to a pipeline emergency, putting First Responders, Wolverine's employees and the public at greater risk.

7. Can I put a fence on the right-of-way?

- a. Wolverine must be able to access the right-of-way in a timely manner, so any fences must be approved by the Company to ensure that the ability to reasonably access the right-of-way is maintained. All the circumstances of each fencing request are considered and solutions such as gates are determined for each request. It is important to remember that if Wolverine has to remove a fence to access the pipeline, the Company is not liable to replace it.

8. What if I don't want that marker pole in my yard?

- a. It is a federal offense to damage or remove a pipeline marker, and pipeline companies are required to adequately mark their lines to protect the public from accidentally hitting the line. However, if the marker is in an inconvenient place, contact Wolverine and we will send a representative to your site to determine if the marker can be relocated and still adequately identify the presence of the pipeline.

9. What if digging up the pipeline messes up my yard or damages my crops?

- a. Most easements state that the pipeline company is liable for damages to agricultural crops, and the farmer is paid by the Company for the full value of any crops damaged and any work that may be required to restore the field. In the case of lawn damage, it is Wolverine's policy to restore the lawn to as close to its original condition as possible. This is usually accomplished by Wolverine hiring a professional landscaper to level and hydroseed the damaged area.

10. When I bought my property, the title search showed an easement, but there isn't any pipeline on my property. How can that be?

- a. Often easements are purchased before it is known exactly how the pipeline will be built, and the landowner's entire parcel is encumbered by the easement. If a part of the original parcel is sold, the easement still applies, even if there is no pipeline on the sold parcel. Upon request, Wolverine will release its easement from such parcels, and if the pipeline is within your parcel, we will define the width of the easement to clear the title.