

For Landowners

Basic Information for Landowners along the El Paso Pipeline Group's Rights of Way

The El Paso Pipeline Group's pipelines are always constructed along rights of way, which are long, narrow stretches of land designating a safe and clear corridor for the pipeline. A Right of Way Agreement or Pipeline Easement is a legal document through which the property owner grants the pipeline company permission to use a portion of his or her land to install, operate, and maintain its pipeline facilities. It also provides the company with access rights to and over the rights of way, so employees may inspect and maintain the pipeline after it is built. The El Paso Pipeline Group regularly maintains the rights of way along its pipeline systems to ensure the pipeline remains safe and to protect the area's ecological balance.

To ensure pipeline integrity:

- Do not erect buildings or any other structures on the pipeline right of way.
- Do not plant trees or place any other obstructions on the right of way.
- Do not excavate, change the grade, or impound water within the right of way without approval.
- Do not move heavy equipment across the right of way without approval.

Although building on the right of way is prohibited, under certain conditions, the pipeline may be crossed by roads, railroads, streets, cables, and utility lines. In these instances, the El Paso Pipeline Group will work with the owner and developer to accommodate construction. The owner or developer will be required to pay any costs necessary to ensure that the pipeline continues to meet all regulations under the new conditions.

If you are a landowner and would like more information, please contact the El Paso Pipeline Group office nearest you.