

Transmission Pipeline Right of Way Restriction



We thank you for contacting us concerning the *Dominion Energy North Carolina Transmission Pipeline Right of Way Restrictions*. The following list addresses questions frequently asked concerning the restrictions, but does not necessarily cover all situations:

1. Dominion Energy shall be notified at least 72 hours prior to any construction or maintenance activities across, on, or in the vicinity of its facilities. Facilities shall include, but not limited to, rights of way, fee properties, easements, pipelines, M&R buildings, and valve sites. No equipment shall enter onto its facilities unless a Dominion Energy representative is on location.
2. No permanent structures (storage buildings, sheds, swimming pools, decks, retaining walls, houses, mobile homes, trailers, septic tanks, wells, leach fields, manholes, etc.) may be built or installed within the limits of the right of way. Furthermore, garbage, rubble, disabled vehicles, tires, dirt, debris of any kind shall not be stored within the limits of the right of way.
3. Installation of fences on or across the right of way must be approved by the appropriate Dominion Energy personnel prior to installation. A gate must be provided to allow access to the right of way for maintenance equipment. The gate should be at a minimum 12 feet in width, with 16 feet being ideal. If a lock is needed, the lock shall be interlocked with a Dominion Energy lock to allow our personnel access to the right of way. Privacy or stockade-type fences are not permitted on the right of way.
4. No power/utility poles are permitted within the limits of the right of way.
5. Installation of other utility lines (water, sewer, telephone, etc.) and storm drains must be approved by Dominion Energy prior to construction. Any such crossing shall be done in the presence of an appointed Dominion Energy representative. Utility crossings of our right of way will be at a 90-degree angle. In such cases where a 90-degree crossing is impractical, then at least a 60-degree crossing must be maintained. Sewer drain lines are not allowed within the limits of the right of way. Solid sewer lines leading to septic fields are allowed to cross the right of way at a 90-degree angle, but the septic field shall not drain within or into the limits of the right of way. Utility line or storm drainage crossings of our pipeline must meet the following criteria:
 - For larger lines (i.e. mains, feeders, storm drainage, etc.), at least 18" - 24" of clearance must be maintained between outside diameter of our line and the outside diameter of foreign line.
 - For smaller lines (i.e. drops, services, etc.), at least 12" of clearance must be maintained between the outside diameter of our line and the outside diameter of foreign line.
 - Power or fiber optic crossings of our right of way shall be cased for the entire width of the crossing.
 - Must be installed below pipeline.
6. Installations of roads, driveways, greenways, and walking trails, etc. must be approved by Dominion Energy prior to construction. Roads, driveways, greenways, and walking trails are to cross perpendicular (90-degree angle) to the right of way. Roads, driveways, greenways, and walking trails running parallel to the pipeline are not allowed within the limits of the right of way. A minimum of 24-inches of cover must be maintained above the pipeline at all times during road construction; however, the final grade of the road must be a minimum of 36-inches above the pipeline.
7. Bar ditches or other drainways running parallel to the pipeline are not allowed within the limits of the right of way. All drainage crossing the right of way shall cross at a 90-degree angle, and shall not reduce the cover above the pipeline to less than 36-inches. The drainways will be sloped to provide a safe crossing for the right of way maintenance equipment; and, if necessary, lined with an erosion resistant material other than riprap. Furthermore, drainage ditches that allow water to pond or cause erosion of the right of way are prohibited.

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8. No bodies of water (sediment ponds, etc.), temporary or permanent, are to be established within the limits of the right of way.
9. Changing the ground elevation within the limits of the right of way, by either adding or taking away soil, shall not be allowed without prior approval of a Dominion Energy appointed representative. Such changes in ground elevation shall adhere to the following guidelines:
 - Removing fill from right of way is not permitted.
 - In the case of adding fill, additional fill will be allowed to the extent that the elevation between the top of the gas main and ground level does not exceed five feet.
10. Dominion Energy does not recommend the practice of using the right of way for parking, but will not object if the following restrictions are followed:
 - Any access areas, entrances, or exits shall cross the right of way at or near right angles to the centerline.
 - Lighting facilities are not to be installed within the limits of the right of way.
 - Signs and other attachments to Dominion Energy structures or facilities are prohibited.
11. Trees of any variety may not be planted within the entire width of the right of way. Flowers are permitted, however, Dominion Energy assumes no responsibility for damages to such plants in the event that they interfere with general maintenance of the right of way or installation of additional facilities.
12. To the extent possible, Dominion Energy will seek to recoup expenses associated with damages to the right of way caused by third party encroachment or activity.
13. Pipeline markers installed on the right of way must remain. Defacing, damaging, or destroying is a criminal offense. Violators may be prosecuted. It is a federal offense to damage or remove the pipeline markers from the right of way.
14. The company reserves the right to enter and exit to and along the right of way.

Listed above are the answers to most commonly asked questions concerning the use of our pipeline rights of way. There may be additional limitations for each specific right of way. Please call if you should have any questions. For *Dominion Energy Pipeline information, call toll free 1-800-296-0356*. Prior to any construction along and adjacent to the right of way, call *The North Carolina One Call Center, Inc. at 811*.

Dominion Energy North Carolina Representative: _____ Telephone: _____