

Fall Farming Season and Pipeline Safety

BC and Alberta, Fall 2022



As you prepare your fields for annual planting or harvesting activities, we want to remind you of your responsibilities when working near the Trans Mountain Pipeline.
As a federally regulated pipeline, obligations must be met when working near the pipeline, including agricultural activities.

Cultivation to a depth greater than 45 cm over the pipeline requires our written consent. Other nonagricultural activities conducted at a depth of 30 cm or greater also require written consent. Activities with the potential to negatively impact the pipeline may include stumping, sub-soiling, chisel plowing, terracing, drain tile excavating, driving posts, rotation of fences, land levelling, deep mechanical planting and harvesting.

Most farming vehicles and mobile equipment may cross the pipeline without our written consent as long as the manufacturer's loaded axle weight and tire pressure requirements are met.

Our permission is required for off-road crossing of the right-of-way outside of established roadways with non-agricultural vehicles or mobile equipment, such as excavators or backhoes. You can obtain permission by placing a One Call – service is free of charge.

If you are concerned about shallow soil covering overtop of the pipeline, are changing the use of your land, or unsure your equipment is safe to cross the pipeline, please contact us before starting any farming activities, so we can verify the depth of cover over the pipeline.

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. Please share this information with anyone who lives on or farms your land, as well as any contractors you hire to work on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please contact our Land department at landowners@transmountain.com or call toll free 1.800.268.3001.

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SAFE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

SAFE RESPONSE and RECOVERY During Adverse Weather Events

Adverse weather events are becoming more common, and it's important to keep safety top of mind even if your work is urgent.

If your area is affected by an adverse weather event, including wildfires, flooding or mudslides, and you need to conduct emergency work involving ground disturbance, such as excavation, trenching, ditch digging or cleaning, debris removal and disposal, or off-road equipment access, always remember to contact your local One Call centre and request an emergency locate. The One Call centre will prioritize your call accordingly.

Placing a One Call is free and will help prevent personal injury, avoid damage to critical infrastructure, as well as to your property, and most importantly, keep you and your community safe.

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EXAMPLES OF RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

- Digging new drainage ditches
- Cleaning existing drainage ditches
- Off-road use of heavy equipment and off-road vehicle access
- Dewatering saturated areas or standing water locations
- Trenching, excavation, roadwork, earthwork
- Property cleanup activities, such as debris removal or disposal of animal carcasses
- Repairing or building new facilities to replace lost facilities (e.g., decks, houses, sheds, blueberry crop posts, fences, barns, irrigation facilities, etc.)
- Buried infrastructure repairs/replacement
 (i.e., water, sewer, irrigation or service lines)

