

COVID-19

Outdoor Dining Safety Guide

National Grid urges safety and caution when setting up and operating outdoor dining

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, National Grid is committed to supporting our customers in the restaurant industry as they work to reopen in the safest manner possible for their customers and employees. As many restaurants and cafés operate outdoors for the first time or in an expanded capacity, National Grid would like to remind our customers of the importance of maintaining adequate distance from electric and gas facilities.

Facilities include manhole covers, ventilation grates, exhaust pipes, valve covers, that are located at ground level and/or on building infrastructure. These assets always require clear access.

For the safety of you and your customers, please do not place items - such as chairs, tables, or coverings - over these assets as they have the potential to radiate heat or be warm to the touch.

Instructions for how to safely arrange outdoor seating

When setting up your outdoor seating, please:

- Do not place any restaurant or café items near or on top of any National Grid electric or gas facilities;
- Make sure all items are easily removable allowing our crews to establish a work zone to safely operate and maintain our assets.
 - These items may include: carpets, tables, chairs, ramps, platforms, planters, barricades, fencing, surface coverings and treatments.



Manhole cover



Ventilation grate



Ventilation stack



Gas meter with regulator and vent



Gas valve

If there is an emergency, National Grid asks all restaurants and cafés to clear the area immediately to ensure the safety of the public and our crews.