

800-424-5555



Call Two Days Before You Dig!

Remember:

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- ✓ Call before you dig
 - ✓ Wait two business days before planned excavation
 - ✓ All owners of underground facilities must belong to a call center RCW 19.122
 - ✓ Wait for all facilities to be located and marked
 - ✓ Maintain located facilities field marks until all excavation is completed
 - ✓ Dig with care
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For Additional Information

Utilities Underground Location Center

www.callbeforeyoudig.com

Washington Utilities Coordinating Council

www.wucc.org

Utility Contractor Association of Washington

www.ucaw.org

Associated General Contractors

www.agcwa.com

Common Ground Alliance

www.commongroundalliance.com

Underground Focus

www.underspace.com

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Please Dig Safely!!

Who should call?

Anyone that plans to excavate over 12 inches underground must first call for underground facilities to be located prior to any digging. Pursuant to RCW 19.122 in Washington and Code 69-4-501 in Montana, it's the law.

What information will I need to provide the call center?

- Your name, telephone number, company name (if applicable), and mailing address.
- Contact information for an alternate person in case you are not available for questions.
- Is the excavation-taking place within 10 feet of power lines?
- What type of work is being done?
- Who is the work being done for?
- County and city of the project.
- Specific address and cross street location of the excavation.
- The distance and direction of the worksite from the nearest intersection.
- If working in an isolated area, use landmarks to help identify location.

What will the call center do with my information?

The call center will transmit your locate request to underground facility owners that are members within 2 hours from the time you call. In the next 2 business days, representatives of the facilities are required to mark their underground facilities according to the specific color codes. Once **all** underground facilities are marked you are ready to excavate. Proceed with caution.

The call center will provide you with a ticket number. It is important to keep this number as proof you called.

* A business day excludes the first day of the call and includes the last day unless it is a holiday or the weekend.

Now that the underground facilities have been marked what do the marks mean?

RED	Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
BLUE	Potable water
GREEN	Sewers and drain lines
ORANGE	Communications, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
WHITE	Proposed Excavation

When excavating, stay at least 24 inches away from the marks in Washington and 18 inches away in Montana. **They do not mean dig here!**

If you must dig close to the marks you must use a hand shovel to expose the lines before proceeding.

The field-marks of underground facilities must be maintained until the completion of the excavation.

What if I accidentally damage an underground Facility when digging?

Stop excavation completely and contact the facility owner. If public safety is an issue, alert first responders immediately (call 911). Failure to report any damage, including a simple nick in a pipes coating could lead to civil penalties and you could be subject to treble damages. An excavator that violates RCW 19.122 or Code 69.4.501 and does not call for underground locates prior to digging is subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 for each violation and if a pipeline is involved the civil penalties are \$10,000 for each violation. If an excavator willfully or maliciously damages a field-marked underground facility they will be liable for treble the costs incurred to repair, replace or relocate the facilities.

Careless digging causes far-reaching consequences, from serious injury and environmental damage to costly delays. By following these suggested guidelines, we can keep these unfortunate incidents to a minimum. It's a shared responsibility we must all take.