

So Whether You Are An Excavator, Facility Operator Or Just Planning To Dig... Please Do Your Part!

- Call the One Call Center 1-800-344-8377
- Wait the required amount of time.
- Respect the Marks
- Dig with care

When you call, please have the following information available:

- ✓ Municipality – county, city or township
- ✓ Location – street address
- ✓ Nearest intersection of streets or roads
- ✓ Extent of work and type of work
- ✓ Date and start time excavation is scheduled to begin
- ✓ Caller's name and address
- ✓ Contractor/contact person and phone number

Even When All Precautions Are Taken, Accidents Can Still Happen. If A Line Is Hit Or Even Scratched, Please Call The Facility Owner Or Operator.



Dig Safely

Safe Digging



What You Should Know Before Getting In Too Deep.

Safe Digging Is Everyone's Responsibility.



Safe digging starts when you call your state One Call Center. But that's not where it ends. In fact, it's only the first step in an ongoing process that requires everyone's cooperation, responsiveness and good judgment. The importance of safe digging cannot be emphasized enough. Every day throughout Texas, careless digging causes far-reaching consequences, from serious personal injury and

environmental damage to costly delays. But by working together as a team, we can keep these unfortunate incidents to a minimum. It is a responsibility that each of us must take personally. This brochure has been specifically designed to help you understand what is necessary to assure safe digging from start to finish. Please read the information carefully. And if you have any questions, at any time please call your One Call Center.

Here's How It Works...

If You're A Excavator:

- Always call the One Call Center two working days prior to digging. The call should only take a few minutes.
- The number to call in Texas 1-800-DIG-TESS.

- Be ready with all important information: The municipality, street address, extent and type of work, date and time of excavation, caller's name, contractor/contact person address and phone number
- The One Call Center will give you a confirmation number. Record the confirmation number.
- Then, wait for the site to be marked! Marking could be either paint, flags or stakes.
- Respect and protect the facility operator's marks. Note the color of all markings used and what type facilities they indicate. The colors are mandated by state law.
- Dig with care! Always hand dig when near marks or flags.
- If damage, dislocation or disturbance of an underground utility line occurs, immediately notify the facility owner.
- If damage creates an emergency, take immediate steps to safeguard health and property.

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE	
	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
	ELECTRIC POWER LINES, CABLES, CONDUIT AND LIGHTING CABLES
	GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM OR GASEOUS MATERIALS
	COMMUNICATION, ALARM OR SIGNAL LINES, CABLES OR CONDUIT
	POTABLE WATER
	RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION AND SLURRY LINES
	SEWERS AND DRAIN LINES

If You're A Facility Operator:

- You are responsible to respond to the location request within the required time and mark the lines if necessary with the proper color.
- Lines must be accurately

By Not Calling, Here's What You Can Be Getting Into...

- Personal injury, including loss of life ■ Damage to the environment.
- Costly property damage.
- Damage to these utility lines communication (i.e. telephone, long distance communications, cable television, 911 emergency fire and police communications), electric, gas, pipelines, sewer, traffic signals and water lines.
- Costly delays and expensive repairs ■ Legal problems ■ Civil penalties.