5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

1. **NOTIFY**
   Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. **WAIT**
   Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

3. **CONFIRM**
   Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

4. **RESPECT**
   Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.

5. **DIG CAREFULLY**
   If you can’t avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.

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