

STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

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Whiteline
Dig Site



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Call 811
to Locate
Utilities



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Wait for
All Utilities to
be Marked



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Dig Safe
Using Proven
Excavation
Methods



For more information on safe digging refer to
CGA Best Practices at commongroundalliance.com.



Underground Utilities are Everywhere

Call **811** before you dig.

IT'S FREE. IT'S EASY. IT'S THE LAW.

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DIG SAFE AROUND UTILITIES



Call **811** before you dig.

Protect yourself, coworkers,
and the public.

DIGGING SAFELY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Montana-Dakota Utilities offers FREE contractor/excavator training.

Contact us to schedule your FREE training.
awareness@mdu.com

Customer Service/Emergency: 800-638-3278

Get more information and view a schedule of classes at www.montana-dakota.com/free-training.

Montana-Dakota is committed to keeping you safe by reducing excavation damage to underground utility lines through education and awareness. Always call **811** before you dig to get your utility lines located, and dig safely using proven excavation methods.

Please refer to your state's Dig Law for more information.



FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS

- Outline/mark your planned dig site in white paint.
- Call 811 or visit www.Call811.com two business days before you plan to dig to have underground utility lines marked for free.
- If you are a subcontractor, protect yourself and your company by calling 811 for a locate ticket. The general contractor's ticket does not apply to anyone except them.
- Wait for all utility companies listed on the ticket to mark their utility lines before digging.
- Maintain the locate marks throughout the lifetime of the project.
- There is a tolerance zone on either side of the locate marks. Carefully hand dig within the tolerance zone and determine the exact location of the utility before proceeding.
- Use acceptable backfill (such as sand or rock-free dirt) and proper compaction to avoid damage to utility lines.
- Stop digging immediately if you find unmarked natural gas or electrical lines and call 811 to have them marked.
- If there is a release of natural gas, leave the area and call 911. Then, call Montana-Dakota and keep others clear of the area.
- Never try to fix a damaged electric or natural gas line or try to restrict the gas flow in any way.
- Call Montana-Dakota to report all damaged electric or natural gas lines - even if there is no blowing gas. Minor nicks and wrap damage can be dangerous if left unrepaired.

UTILITY COLOR CODES

All utilities will mark the location and path of their underground facilities using the following colors:

WHITE: Proposed Excavation

FLUORESCENT PINK: Temporary Survey Markings

RED: Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW: Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

ORANGE: Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

BLUE: Potable Water

PURPLE: Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN: Sewers and Drain Lines