

Remember these important points to make sure your next digging project is a safe one.

The owners of underground utility lines (telephone, cable TV, electric, gas, pipelines, sewer, traffic signals and water lines) will locate their utilities once they have been notified. Some service lines extending from the property easement to the house belong to the homeowner and are considered privately owned. If you have a question about who owns what, check with your utility company.

You or a private contractor will have to locate private service lines such as gas grill lines, water lines, sewer lines, electric service to your shop or garage, satellite dish cable or any other private services not owned by utility companies in your area.

If you hire a private contractor for excavation they are responsible for contacting Call OKIE prior to digging.

### Color Code for Marking Underground Lines

	Electric		Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
	Gas, Oil, Steam		Sewer
	Communication CATV		Temporary Survey Markings
	Water		Proposed Excavation

# User's Guide



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE GETTING IN TOO DEEP



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

Call Okie Before You Dig  
*It's Free...It's Easy...It's the Law*



# Careless digging

even by homeowners, can cause disruption of vital services, costly repairs, and environmental damage. It could also cause personal injury and loss of life.

Take the first step in keeping these unfortunate incidents to a minimum by calling Okie at 1-800-522-OKIE or 811. The call and the service are free. This brochure has been designed to help you understand step by step what is needed to assure that you are digging safely. Please read the informations carefully, and if you have any questions just CALL OKIE by dialing 811 or 1-800-522-OKIE or visit our website

WWW.CALLOKIE.COM

## HOW IT WORKS

### Step 1:

Always Call Okie at least two working days but no more than 10 days before digging. This excludes weekends or holidays. If you have an emergency call as soon as possible.



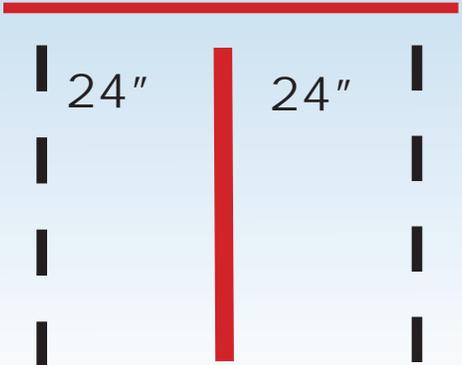
### Step 2:

Wait for the site to be marked. Member utilities will mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with either flags, paint, stakes or a combination of the above. They will also let you know if they have no lines in the proposed excavation site.

### Step 3:

Respect the marks. Update your request if work is not started within 10 working days or if marks are no longer visible. The digging safety zone is a strip of land two feet on either side of the underground utility line. Remember to include the width of the line.

### Safety Zone



### Step 4:

Dig with care. When digging in the safety zone, you must determine the exact location of the buried utility line by digging test holes by hand. If damage occurs, even if it's just a scratch, notify the affected facility, utility or pipeline immediately. If the damage causes hazardous gas or liquid to escape, you must also notify the police and fire department immediately. Don't backfill in the damaged area until repairs have been made.

### Call Okie

24 hours a day,  
seven days a week  
by dialing 811  
or submit your locate  
request online at  
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