

PLAY IT SAFE!



Homeowners & Excavators

CALL TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG!

It's the law and it's FREE.

1-800-227-2600

Whether you're a homeowner wanting to plant a tree, or a professional excavator needing to use a backhoe, if you're going to dig, you need to call USA North two working days in advance. It's a free service.

You see, in addition to your personal safety, calling before you dig is about protecting the vital buried facilities that supply electric, gas, water, cable and more to our homes, schools, facilities and businesses.



Let's all do our part to protect our vital buried facilities.

Please take a flyer and color code booklet with you.

For more information, visit USA North online at www.usanorth.org

5 EASY STEPS TO A SAFE EXCAVATION

1. Survey & Mark

Survey your proposed excavation site. Make a list of all the affected facility owners at your job site, their needs, and requirements. Mark the excavation site on paved surfaces with white spray chalk; use flags, stakes, whiskers, etc. on unpaved surfaces. (Homeowners use flour.)

2. Call Before You Dig

Call USA North two working days before you dig in CA, NV, and HI. Only facility owners who are members of the USA North program will be notified. **USA North does not accept design stage calls.** Emergency calls are not accepted in California. In case of a life-threatening situation, call 911 or your local fire department. Compare your list of affected facility owners determined in Step 1, with the list of facility owners notified by USA North One-Call. For your safety, contact any facility owner at your job site that is not a member of USA North.

3. Wait The Required Time

The two working day notice allows USA North members to examine their underground facility records and respond to you. Our members, who are owner/operators of underground facilities, will provide you information about the location of their facility, mark, or stake the horizontal path of their facility with the appropriate color code, or advise of clearance. Depending on our member's workload, they may contact you to try to negotiate a new start date for your excavation. This will allow them the opportunity to provide you with greater service.

4. Respect The Marks

Maintain facility marks for the duration of the job. If any of the utility markings are not reasonably visible, you must call USA North and request remarking by the affected facility owner(s). A **re-marking request requires a two working day notice for all three States.** When you request utilities to remark their facilities, you will be asked if your excavation site is still outlined in white spray chalk, so the USA North members can respond to your request. Your ticket is active for fourteen calendar days from the date of your call to USA North. You must have an active USA North ticket for the entire duration of your excavation.

5. Dig With Care

In California and Hawaii, hand excavate within 24" of the outside diameter of the facility – in Nevada, 30". Facilities that are in conflict with your excavation are to be located by hand and protected before power equipment is used. Notify the affected utility of any contact, scrape, dent, nick or damage to their facility.

Legislation in California and Nevada (California Government Code 4216, Nevada NRS 455.080-455.180), and safety specifications in Hawaii make it mandatory for those excavating to call the One-Call System (USA North) at least two full working days before digging. There are fines of up to \$50k (CA) & \$100k (NV) for violations of these state laws.

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