

## Call Before You Dig

Prior to performing work that requires you to break the surface of earth, excavating, drilling, trenching, boring, etc., utility companies will be contacted, advised of the proposed work, and asked to establish the location of underground installations.

If the utility company cannot respond to this request within 24 hours and/or the exact location of the underground installations cannot be determined, actual work may begin provided that:

- a. Extreme caution is observed.
- b. Detection equipment or other acceptable means are used to locate the approximate location of the utility installation.
- c. As the approximate location is approached, the exact location will be determined by safe and acceptable means before proceeding.

Call before you dig: Call: "811" which is a call before you dig information service.

The below universal color indicates what utility is buried below ground:

Red – Electric

Orange – Communications, Telephone/CATV

Blue – Potable Water

Green – Sewer/Drainage

Yellow – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line

Purple – Reclaimed Water

White – Premark site of intended excavation

Caution must be exercised because:

1. Many underground utilities are not recorded.
2. Many that are recorded are not accurate.
3. Many are at different depths below ground than indicated.

Utilities must be physically identified to ensure they are not hit.

Once utilities are found, use signage incorporating the universal color codes.

**Note:** After an underground utility is installed, it must be report it so the next contractor does not hit it.

In open excavations, underground installations will be protected, supported or removed as necessary to protect employees.