



# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Help prevent  
injuries, outages,  
and costly  
repairs.





# DIGGING GUIDELINES:

- Call 811 no less than two business days before you dig to have underground facilities marked.
- Use white paint to mark around the area you plan to dig.
- Facility owners have two full business days after you call to locate their facilities. Excavation cannot begin until all known facilities are marked.
- Hand dig within 24 inches of either side of marked lines to expose and determine the exact location of utilities.
- Locate tickets are valid for 28 days. Call for an updated locate if your project hasn't begun within 21 days.
- If you find unmarked underground facilities, stop excavating immediately, and call 811 to have them marked.
- Never attempt to fix or bury damaged or potentially damaged underground facilities.
- If you hit underground facilities, stop and contact 811. If damage releases gas or hazardous liquids, call 911. For electrical emergencies, call Idaho Power at 208-388-2323 or 1-800-488-6151 (outside the Treasure Valley).
- Civil penalties may be assessed for violations of the Idaho Dig Law, as well as general legal liability.

# UTILITY COLOR CODES:

Utilities mark the location and path of their underground facilities using the following colors.



WHITE

Proposed Excavation



PINK

Temporary Survey Markings



RED

Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit, or Lighting Cables



YELLOW

Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials



ORANGE

Communication, Cable TV, Alarm/Signal Lines, Cables, or Conduit



BLUE

Potable Water



PURPLE

Reclaimed Water, Irrigation, or Slurry Lines



GREEN

Sewers or Drain Lines



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## PRIVATE LINES:

Idaho law requires underground facility owners to locate and mark only the lines they own and maintain. However, underground lines are frequently connected to private lines.

Private lines may include water lines (between the meter and the house), sewer lines (from the edge of the property to the house), or utility lines to an outbuilding. Private line locators are available for hire (see links below).

## HELPFUL LINKS:

- [idahopower.com/safety](https://idahopower.com/safety)
- **GENERAL INFO:** [call811.com](https://call811.com)
- **IDAHO:** [digline.com](https://digline.com)
- **OREGON:** [digsafelyoregon.com](https://digsafelyoregon.com)
- **TRAINING MATERIAL:** [damageprevention.dbs.idaho.gov](https://damageprevention.dbs.idaho.gov)
- **PRIVATE LINES/LOCATORS:** [digline.com/homeowners/private-lines-public](https://digline.com/homeowners/private-lines-public)



# DID YOU KNOW?



**Hundreds of thousands**

of dig-related damages occur in the U.S. each year.



Hitting an underground utility line could cost you

**thousands**

of dollars to repair.



**Dozens**

of people are injured every year in dig-related accidents.



**Calling 811**

reduces your chance of injury or harm.

**Underground  
facilities are  
everywhere.**

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