

# Safe Digging Is Everyone's Responsibility

Safe digging starts with your call to Dig Safely **New York** (1-800-962-7962). But that's not where it



ends. In fact, it's only the first step in an on-going process that requires everyone's cooperation, responsiveness and good judgement. The importance of safe digging cannot be emphasized enough.

Every day throughout America, careless digging causes far-reaching consequences, from serious personal injury and environmental damage to costly delays. But by working together as a team, we can keep these unfortunate incidents to a minimum. It is a responsibility that each of us must take personally. This brochure has been specifically designed to help you understand what is necessary to assure safe digging from the pre-planning of an excavation until the project is completed. Please read the information carefully, and if you have any questions, please call Dig Safely **New York** (1-800-962-7962).

# Here's How It Works...

## If You're Excavating:

- Always call Dig Safely **New York** (1-800-962-7962) two – ten working days prior to your dig or excavation. The call will only take a few minutes.
- Be ready with all important information: The municipality, street address, extent and type of work, start date and time of excavation, near streets, caller's name, excavator/contact person and phone number.
- Then, wait for the site to be marked! Marking could be color coded paint, flags or stakes.
- Respect and protect the facility operator's marks. Note the color of the markings and what type of facilities they indicate.
- Dig with care! Always hand dig when within 2 feet on either side of any marked lines.
- If damage, contact, or disturbance of any underground utility line occurs, immediately notify the affected facility operator, utility or pipeline company.
- If damage to an underground facility creates an emergency, take immediate steps to safeguard health and property. Contact 911.

## By Not Calling Dig Safely New York, Here's What You Could Be Getting Into . . .

- Personal injury, including loss of life.
- Damage to the environment.
- Costly property damage.
- Damage to these utility lines: communication (i.e. telephone, long distance communications, cable television, 911 emergency, fire and police communications), electric, gas, pipelines, sewer, traffic signals and water lines.
- Costly delays and expensive repairs.
- Legal problems.
- Civil penalties.

**If Someone is Planning To Dig On Your Property, Or You Are Doing The Excavation . . . Please Do Your Part!**

Look For:

- Pad Mounted Electric Transformers
- Utility Service Wires (Cables attached to the side of the utility pole and entering the ground.)
- Telephone Or Cable Television Pedestals
- Water Valves Or Hydrants
- Regulator Stations, Gas Meters, Valves or Test Stations
- Warning Signs Or Markers
- Manhole Rings and Covers

*When you call, please have the following information available:*

- Municipality – county, city or township
- Location – street address
- Nearest intersection of streets and roads
- Extent of work    ■ Type of work
- Start date and time excavation is scheduled to begin
- Caller's name
- Excavator/contact person and phone number

**Even When All Precaution Are Taken, Accidents Can Still Happen. If An Underground Facility Is Hit Or Even Scratched, Please Notify The Facility Operator.**

**Dig  Safely.  
New York**

- Call Before You Dig
- Wait The Required Time
- Confirm Utility Response
- Respect The Marks
- Dig With Care

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*What You Should Know Before Getting In Too Deep*

