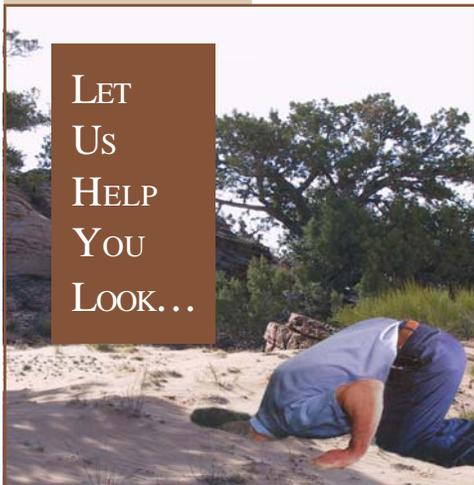


# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM

NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

UTILITIES FOR THE NAVAJO NATION

LET  
US  
HELP  
YOU  
LOOK...



## Dig Our Message... Not Our Utility Lines



**Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater**

This is only a small portion of the continuing efforts by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, as a multi-utility (electric, natural gas, water and wastewater treatment) provider for the Navajo Nation, to inform those who perform trenching/excavation on underground utility pipeline safety.

If you excavate (dig), drill, blast, bore or backfill, this publication will help you to:

- prevent accidents, perhaps save a life.
- prepare you in avoiding damages to pipelines, underground utilities, and equipment.

### HOMEOWNERS & EXCAVATORS

1. Call NTUA at least two full working days before you dig.
2. If possible have your dig site marked with white paint.
3. NTUA will respond to your request. Do not begin excavation until all utilities have been located and marked.
4. Report any and all damages to NTUA immediately. All damages, including nicks, cuts, scrapes and dents will eventually cause the underground facility to fail.



### THINK "SAFETY FIRST"

1. Before you begin excavating, let our qualified staff show you where our lines are located.
2. With a pipeline finder, we can find the location depth of the natural gas pipeline without disturbing the earth.
3. A backhoe, a bulldozer, an auger or a pick: and many others are dangerous substitutes for a pipeline finder.

### REMEMBER

*Accidents don't "just happen", someone makes them happen*

How do you know you are near an underground utility line? Look for these signs.

NTUA's color codes:

Red.....Electric

Yellow.....Natural Gas

Blue.....Water Systems



Water



Natural Gas



Electric Underground

Utility line markers locate the buried line only in the immediate vicinity of the marker, and are not intended to be used as a physical guide for digging operations.

**For Safety's Sake...** Call us. We will send a utility representative to show you the location of the underground utility line.

**CROWNPOINT, NM**  
505-786-5566

**CHINLE, AZ**  
928-674-5470

**DILKON, AZ**  
928-657-3258

**KAYENTA, AZ**  
928-697-3574

**RED MESA, AZ**  
928-656-3212

**SHIPROCK, NM**  
505-368-4634

**TUBA CITY, AZ**  
928-283-5421

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## AVOID NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ACCIDENTS, *Don't Take Chances...*



A ruptured gas pipeline can cause a series of dangerous events... an explosion, fire, loss of lives, equipment damage, etc...

### *Even Minor Damage is Dangerous...*

Should you cause what seems only minor damage to a pipeline, notify the owner immediately. A gouge, scrape, dent, crease, or damage to the pipe or coating may one day cause a break or leak. It is necessary to evaluate and repair any damage to the pipeline.

Check the area and nearby buildings for gas odor. Evacuate any buildings where gas odor is present. Keep people away.

Call your local police or fire departments for assistance.



**NTUA Call Before You Dig Damage Prevention Program**

## DETECTING A LEAK

By being aware of the signs of a leak or release, you can help prevent a potential hazard from becoming a dangerous situation.



## SOUND

Our pipelines carry natural gas which may not be detected by sight or smell should a leak occur. Some leaks, however, can be heard. A release could be noted by bubbling, hissing or even a roaring sound...depending on the size of the leak.

## IF YOU CAUSE A GAS PIPELINE BREAK



1. Abandon equipment
2. Leave the area
3. Warn others
4. Notify local authorities
5. Notify pipeline owners

From the Moment of the Break, the Action you take may Determine the Seriousness of the Accident.

**Call NTUA toll free:  
1-800-528-5011 or  
1-928-729-5721**



### NTUA C.A.R.E.S.

*Call at least two working days before you dig.*

*Await utility response*

*Respect the markings*

*Excavate with care*

*Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility*

## SIGHT

Some leaks can be detected visually. When a natural gas leak can be detected visually, it may appear as a white cloud. A spot of dead vegetation in an otherwise green right-of-way could also indicate a leak.

## LOCATION

Remember that...if a pipeline is struck or damaged, gas may be escaping at a break some distance away from the point of damage.

