



# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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*For Safety's  
Sake...  
Contact Us  
Before you Dig,  
We will send a  
utility employee  
to identify  
and mark the  
location(s) of  
any NTUA un-  
derground utility  
line.*

## UNIFORM COLOR CODE for marking underground utility lines

Electric
Gas-Oil
Communication/CATV
Water
Reclaimed Water
-Sewer
Temporary Survey Markings
Proposed Excavation
<b>CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! ITS FREE - AND ITS THE LAW!</b>

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



Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Waste Water, Renewable Energy and Communications

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 three 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 excavation, let our qualified staff show you where our lines are located.
2. With a pipeline finder, we can locate the natural gas pipeline without disturbing the earth.
3. A backhoe, a bulldozer, and 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 Uniform Color Codes:

Red	Electric
Yellow	Natural Gas
Blue	Water Systems

Electric	Natural Gas	Water

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.

# 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 damaged, 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. Only NTUA evaluates and repairs, excavator call immediately.

## SMELL

An additive is used to give Natural Gas its very distinct odor - rotten eggs. This odor is a warning sign of a possible natural gas pipeline leak..

## 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.

## 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.

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.

***From the moment of the gas break,  
the action you take may determine  
the seriousness of the accident.***

# 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

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

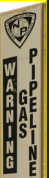
Call at least 3 working days before you dig.

Await utility response

Respect the markings

Excavate with care

Safety is **EVERYONE's** responsibility



## Navajo Tribal Utility Authority SERVICE AREA



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