

## What is Dig Safe ®?

State laws require anyone who digs to notify utility companies before starting, and for good reason. Digging can be dangerous and costly without knowing where underground facilities are located.

Dig Safe System, Inc. is a communication network, assisting excavators, contractors and property owners in complying with state law by notifying the appropriate utilities before digging. Dig Safe®, a free service, notifies member companies of proposed excavation projects. In turn, these member utilities respond to the work area and identify the location of underground facilities. Callers are given a permit number as confirmation.

Member utilities, or contracted private locators, use paint, stakes or flags to identify the location of buried facilities. Color coding is used to identify the type of underground facilities:

<b>RED</b>	<b>ELECTRIC</b>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>GAS, OIL, STEAM</b>
<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>POTABLE WATER</b>
<b>PURPLE</b>	<b>RECLAIMED WATER</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>SEWER / DRAINAGE</b>
<b>PINK</b>	<b>SURVEY MARKS</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED EXCAVATION</b>

Dig Safe is a not-for profit corporation, funded entirely by member utility companies, to promote public safety, protect vital utility services and safeguard against property and environmental damage.

Dig Safe processes all locate requests Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., not including holidays (see Observed Holiday list below). Off hour coverage is provided for emergency work only.

The toll free number for anyone who digs in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont is...

**888-DIG-SAFE (344-7233)**

Before calling, please prepare to provide us with the following information:

**Caller Details**

Contractor

ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Company

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location Details**

State: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude/Longitude:

(optional) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Intersection: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional  
Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Type  
of  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth  
(feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Area to  
be  
marked: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. street to house, in the street, sidewalk area, right side of house)

Area  
Premarked?    Y \_\_\_\_\_ / N \_\_\_\_\_

Excavator  
doing  
work: \_\_\_\_\_

In Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire, state law requires advance notice of at least 3 business days.

In Rhode Island and Vermont, state law requires advance notice of at least 2 business days.

### **Observed Holidays**

New Year's Day  
M.L.K. Day  
President's Day  
Patriot's Day (MA,ME only)  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Victory Day (RI only)  
Labor Day

Columbus Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day