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Utility color codes

With either paint or flags, these colors are used to mark the ground where underground lines exist:

RED	Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
YELLOW	Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
ORANGE	Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit
BLUE	Potable water
PURPLE	Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines
GREEN	Sewers and drain lines
PINK	Temporary survey markings
WHITE	Proposed excavating



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Dig Safely Ohio!

Remember to call before you dig, at least 48 hours before you dig. For more information, visit our Web site.

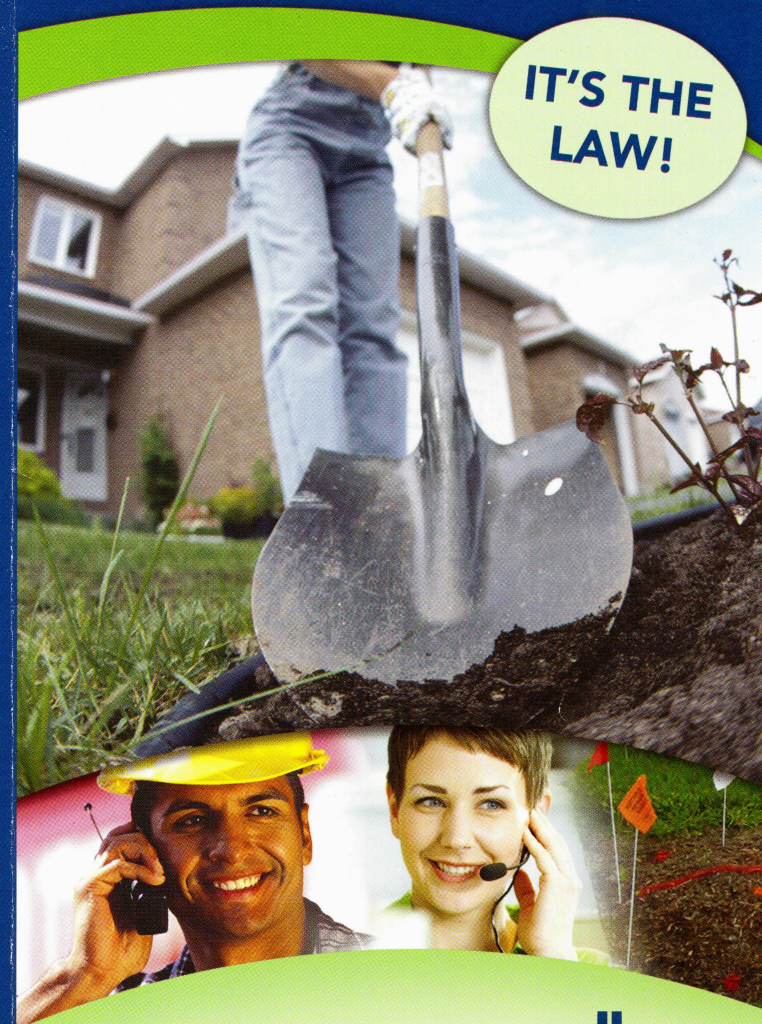
1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1
www.oups.org

Ohio Utilities Protection Service
4740 Belmont Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44505



Ohio residents and contractors:
Know what to do **BEFORE** you dig

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OHIO
Utilities Protection
SERVICE

Click, Call or Tap Before You Dig

Call before you dig: Because it's the law

Calling before you dig is important not only for safety reasons, but also because IT'S THE LAW. By law, all citizens—home or business owners, professional contractors and everyone—must contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.). Failure to call at least 48 hours before starting any digging or excavation work could result in fines or penalties. For more information, please visit oups.org.

Call before you dig: Because it saves time, money, property...and lives

Whether your project is small, like a mailbox or backyard garden; large, like a deck, fence, or basement; or something even more complex, calling O.U.P.S. at least 48 hours BEFORE you begin will put the digging notification process in motion. It's fast, free, and you can call 24 hours every day, including holidays.

Think your digging project is too small? It's best to call. Because, frankly, there is so much at stake.

How O.U.P.S. works

Here is the simple, four-step process for having the area marked where you plan to dig:

- 1) At least 48 hours before digging begins, a homeowner, excavator or contractor calls O.U.P.S. at 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1. Excavation requests can also be submitted online at oups.org.
- 2) O.U.P.S. asks you for the required information (see checklist). Then, we contact our members who own or operate underground utilities in the area. (We will let you know in the rare instance when a company requires you to contact them directly.)
- 3) Representatives from the companies that were contacted have 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) to mark their lines.
- 4) The lines are marked 48 hours after calling O.U.P.S. and you now may dig with care.



Knowing what's beneath your feet matters!

Day after day and night after night all the year through, an underground network of pipes, cables and lines provides the utilities we all count on. For electricity, water, natural gas and more—the Ohio Utilities Protection Service is a vital communications link on your behalf, so utilities owners and operators can mark their lines before you begin digging.

Call before you dig checklist

The following information will be needed when you call (information needed varies depending on project type):

- ☐ Your county, city or township
- ☐ Digging location (street address)
- ☐ Intersecting streets and/or roads
- ☐ Extent of work (front/rear/both sides)
- ☐ Digging start date
- ☐ Approximate start time
- ☐ Type of work
- ☐ Your name
- ☐ Contractor/contact number
- ☐ Contact person for additional information

Recommended Good Practices

- 1) Request markings necessary for your work scope.
Don't request markings outside of your excavation area.
- 2) Marking size and frequency should be appropriate for the situation or area. Locate what is necessary for the excavator to perform their job safely.
- 3) It is recommended that the color pink be substituted for white premarkings when snow is on the ground. Indicate the use of this alternate color on your locate request.
- 4) Provide detailed information about your premarking on your locate request when possible (i.e., number of premarkings).
- 5) Use markers appropriate for decorative surfaces (i.e., whiskers, chalk, etc.) when appropriate.



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