

# Be Safe. Dig Smart. Dial First

Dial before you dig! When you plan to dig or move dirt, call 811 at least 48 hours before you dig. Your call to **811** will be directed to the local One Call Center and the affected utilities, who will then mark underground lines for free. Federal and state laws dictate this is a requirement!

If you do not call and you hit an underground line, you could be hurt or killed. You may also be held liable for costly damages and subject to civil penalties.

## Here are some simple excavation safety steps:

- ✓ **Survey and Mark** – Survey proposed excavation areas and mark the dig sites in white paint
- ✓ **Call Before You Dig** – It is the law! At least two working days prior to starting work – 811
- ✓ **Wait the Required Time** – Allow utility owners time to locate and mark the lines
- ✓ **Respect the Marks** – Maintain visibility of the marks and safely follow them when digging
- ✓ **Dig with Care** – Hand excavate within 24-inches of each side of the lines

## If Your Equipment Contacts a Gas Line:

- **Leave equipment;** jumping clear and shuffling away, without turning off engines or generators.
- **Warn others and leave** the area quickly.
- **Do not operate** any gas pipeline valves or stop the flow of gas.
- Leave the **excavation open.**
- In a natural gas emergency, **call 911**, then City of Bainbridge.

To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 229-248-2025.

