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Once the utility lines have been marked and you're ready to dig in the vicinity of utility lines...

✔ Use only rounded/blunt edged tools.

✘ Don't use axes, hand or powered posthole diggers, picks, mattocks, pry/probing bars or mechanized equipment, as these often result in damage.

✔ Keep the face of the shovel parallel with the utility line markings.

✔ If the utility line is visible, keep the face of the shovel parallel with the utility line and use all precautions when removing the soil from around the utility line.

✘ Don't be aggressive with digging close to utility lines.

✘ Don't pry against a utility line.

✘ Don't take for granted that a utility line will be at a certain depth.

✘ Don't assume an unmarked line is abandoned.

✘ Don't assume that a utility line that is uncovered will be the only one. There may be another line underneath or close by.

✘ Don't become frustrated if you do not encounter a utility line right away. Frustration can lead to carelessness and eventual damage to the utility line.

✘ Don't expose excessive lengths of a utility line.

✘ Don't leave utility lines exposed while unattended.

✘ Don't attempt to move underground utility lines.

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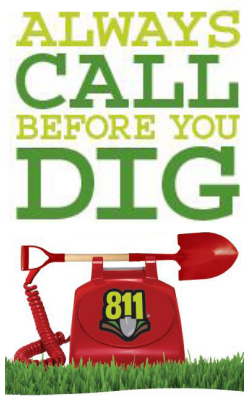
1 CALL Before You Dig before planting trees, putting in fences or other activities that require you to dig a hole, please review these "Best Practices" designed to help protect you from injury and expense. For more information, go to **www.call811.com**.

2 WAIT Two Full Working Days after contacting Kansas One Call for the utility companies to visit your dig site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines. *See the chart below.*



Call Timeline:

	Date of the call - does not count.
	Waiting period for locates, includes weekends and holidays.
	Date when digging may begin.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
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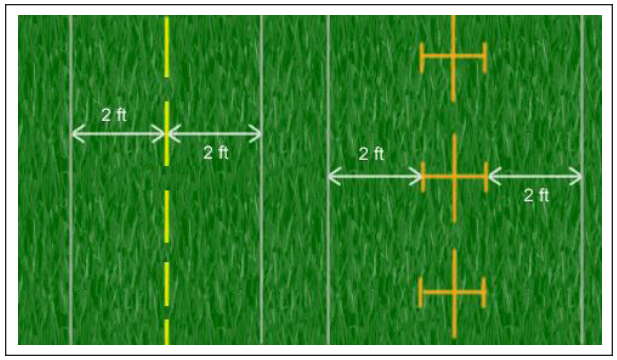
Locates are valid for 15 calendar days

3 RESPECT the Marks! The utility companies will use colored flags or paint to indicate the approximate location of their underground utilities. To assist the utility company, you may mark the area of excavation with white paint or white flags.

- WHITE - Proposed Excavation
- PINK - Temporary Survey Markings
- 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

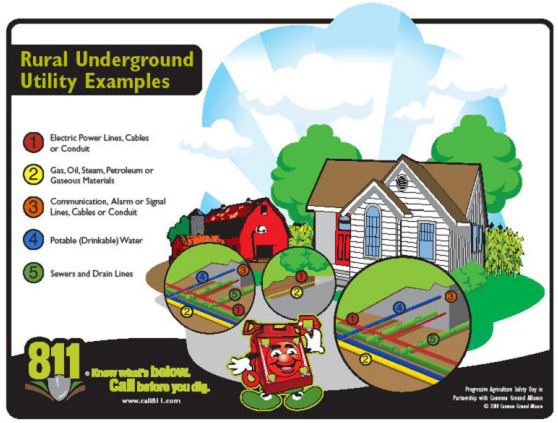
4 Dig With Care! The paint and flags placed by the utility company indicate the approximate location of their facilities, which may be anywhere in a 2 foot (24") tolerance zone on either side of the line of paint or flags.

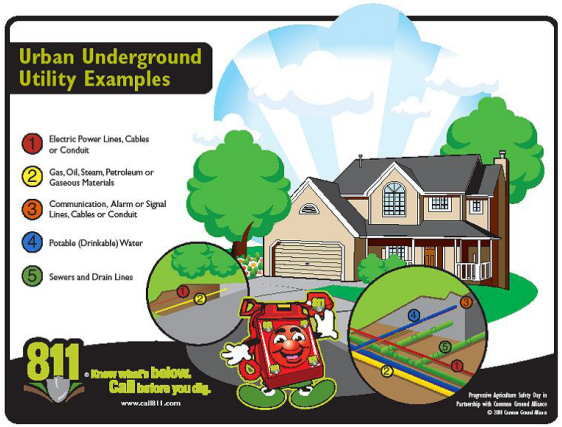


Please Note:

The notified facility/utility owners **will not** mark privately owned underground lines. These include but are not limited to; power or electric service, water and sewer pipes from the meter to your home, invisible fencing, sprinkler systems, well and septic systems, etc.

Some utility companies will locate private utility lines if requested. Check with your local utility companies for details.





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