



The utilities that supply your gas, electric, water, telephone, and/or cable, often deliver their service underground. Whenever you dig or excavate on your property, for any purpose, you are required to call a not-for-profit organization called Dig Safely New York. With just one call, your local utility must locate or stake out and mark the location of their facilities. Each utility will have two full working days notice, but no more than ten, to do their work.

You cannot start any digging until all utilities have either marked their facilities or given you notification that their facilities do not exist in the area. The following is the standard color code for each utility, with the color white to indicate where you will be excavating:

Gas, oil, or steam
Water
Cable
Sewer
Reclaimed Water
Temporary Survey Markings
Proposed Excavation

Once you begin excavation, be careful within two feet of any paint, stakes, or flags that mark the location of your utilities. Any digging within two feet, must be done with hand tools. Excavation includes, but is not limited to:

- drilling
- digging
- dredging
- demolition
- ditching
- grading
- scrapping
- tunneling
- cable or pipe plowing
- augering
- trenching
- razing
- wrecking
- setting poles
- boring holes for percolation tests

**CALL 800-962-7962 before you dig, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and emergency calls, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Be prepared to give your name, address, contact information, and site information. Your call should only take a couple of minutes. You will be given a request number that is proof of your call as a reference.**