

2017 STATISTICS For Dig-In Damages



439k

U.S. reported damages
related to dig-ins.



52%

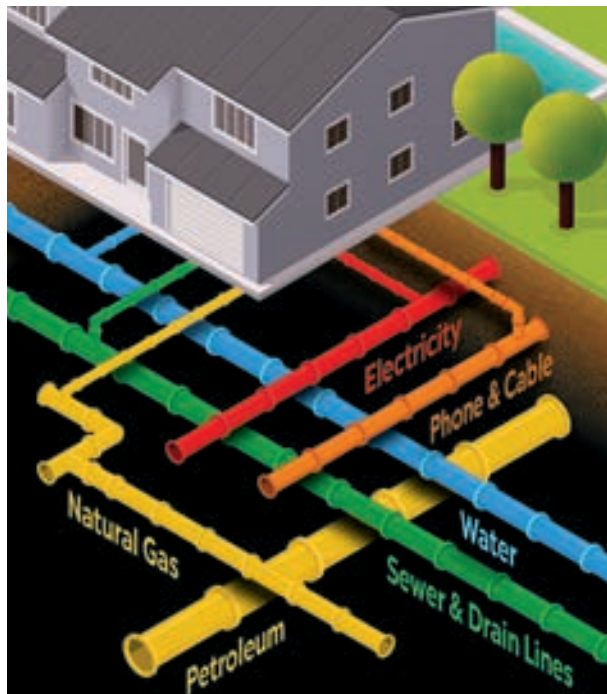
of damages resulted from
improper excavation practices.



24%

of damages resulted from not
calling 811 before digging.

source: www.commongroundalliance.com



Underground Facilities are Everywhere

Know what's below.
Call  before you dig.

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DAMAGE PREVENTION EDUCATION



Call  before you dig.
IT'S FREE. IT'S EASY. IT'S THE LAW.

DIGGING SAFELY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Great Plains Natural Gas offers FREE contractor/excavator training.

Contact us to schedule your FREE training.
awareness@gpng.com

Customer Service/Emergency: 877-267-4764

Get more information and view a schedule of classes at **www.gpng.com/free-training**.

Great Plains Natural Gas is committed to keeping you safe by reducing excavation damage to underground facilities through education and awareness. Always call **811** before you dig to get your utility lines located, and dig safely using proven excavation methods.

Please refer to your state's Dig Law for more information.



FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS

- Call 811 or visit www.Call811.com before you plan to dig to have underground utilities marked for free.
- If you are a subcontractor, protect yourself and your company by calling 811 for a locate ticket. The general contractor's ticket does not apply to anyone except them.
- Outline/mark your planned dig site in white paint.
- Wait for ALL utility lines to be marked before digging.
- Maintain the locate marks throughout the lifetime of the project.
- There is a tolerance zone on either side of the markings. Hand dig to expose and determine the exact location of utilities before proceeding with excavation.
- Use acceptable backfill (such as sand or rock-free dirt) and proper compaction to avoid damage to facilities.
- Stop excavating immediately if you find unmarked gas lines and call 811 to have them marked.
- If there is a release of natural gas, leave the area and call 911. Then, call Great Plains Natural Gas and keep others clear of the area.
- Call Great Plains Natural Gas to report all hit lines - even if there is no blowing gas. Minor nicks and wrap damage can be dangerous if left unrepaired.
- Never try to fix a damaged natural gas line or try to restrict the gas flow in any way.

UTILITY COLOR CODES

All utilities will mark the location and path of their underground facilities using the following colors:

WHITE: Proposed Excavation
FLUORESCENT 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