

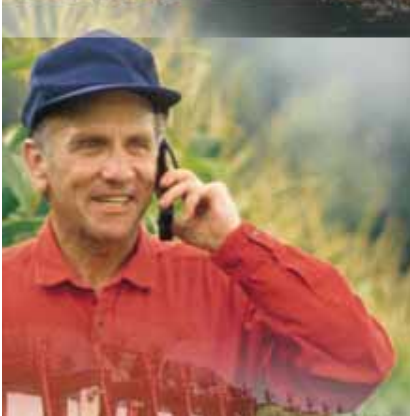
It took years to **make** it a farm...
It takes **one call** to keep it safe.



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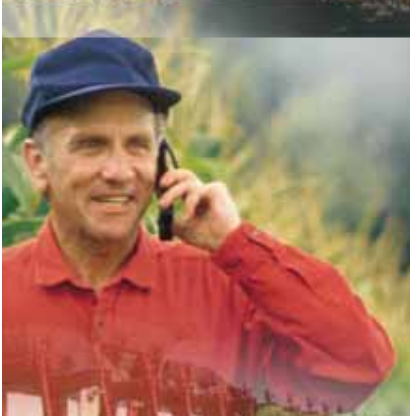


The Common Ground Alliance

- A non-profit organization dedicated to underground damage prevention
- Represents more than 1,000 members from 15 stakeholder groups
- Funded by membership fees and grant money
- Creator of industry best practices

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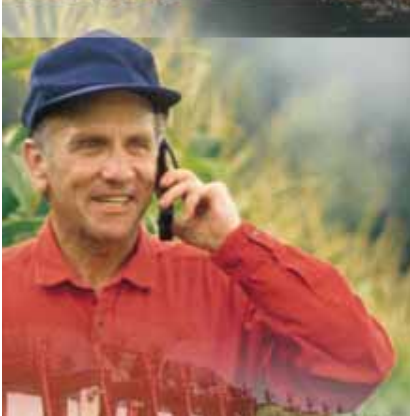


Best Practices

- Planning and Design
- One Call Center
- Locating and Marking
- Excavation
- Mapping
- Compliance
- Public Education and Awareness
- Reporting and Evaluation

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No one digs more dirt than farmers and ranchers

- There are 2 million farms in the United States
- 9.5 million acres are used for farming or ranching activities

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- Call before you dig
- Wait the required amount of time
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

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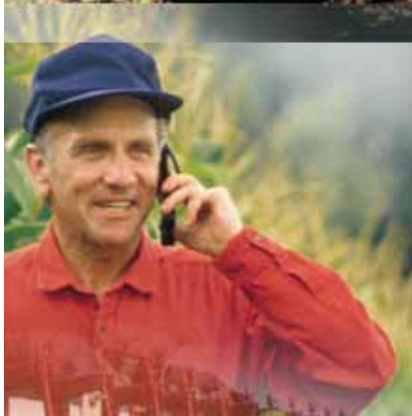
Keep what's **above** our land safe
by understanding what's **below**.



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America's farms cover more than 9.5 million acres of land

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There are more than 2 million miles of pipelines buried in the United States

- Nobody is more at risk to come in conflict with a buried utility than farmers and ranchers

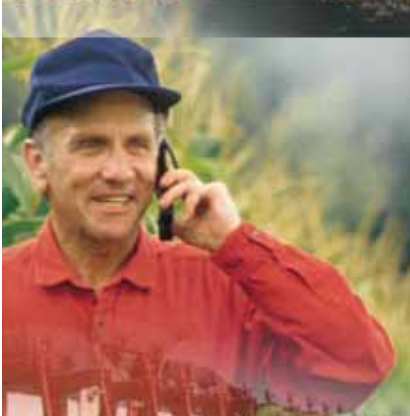
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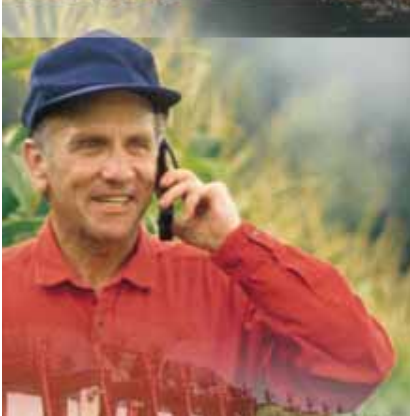
- This service is FREE
- The utility company or their representatives will locate and mark the approximate location of buried utilities at the excavation site.

When excavation activities fall outside the scope of normal farming activities like:

- Fence post installation
- Sub soiling
- Terracing projects
- Tiling

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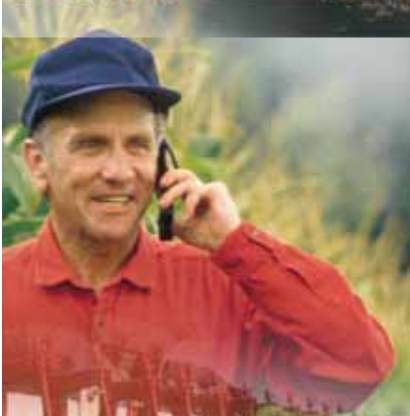
Wait the required amount of time

State laws specify a "grace" period for utility company representatives to mark facilities

- In work-planning, consider the time frame which may exclude weekends and legal holidays.

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Respect the marks

The approximate location of the buried facility will be marked with paint, flags or other methods in accordance with the uniform color code

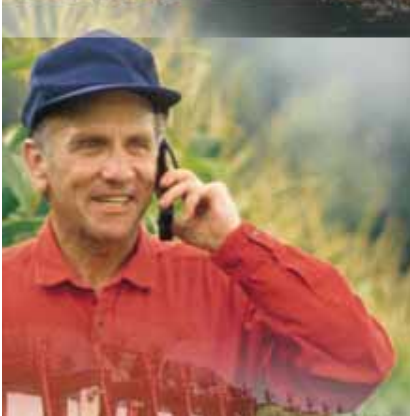
APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND

	Proposed Excavation
	Temporary Survey Markings
	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
	Potable Water
	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
	Sewers and Drain Lines

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Dig with care

Hand dig in proximity of utilities to completely expose. Do not assume depth because of:

- Erosion
- Grading
- Installation of parallel utilities in the same trench

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