

Whether you're digging in your backyard or excavating for a major development, these quick safety tips will keep you and your community safe.



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5 things to know before you dig

- 1. Call 811 at least 48 hours, excluding day of notification, weekends and holidays before you dig. You can also download the Okie811 app on your phone or visit Okie811.org.
- **2. Look for paint or flags** in your project area before you dig. If not, call 811.
- 3. Respect the tolerance zone which is the area on each side of the pipe (minimum of 24 inches on each side). Do not use mechanized excavating equipment within the tolerance zone.
- 4. Pothole Visual confirmation is required when boring across existing utilities. Pothole in the area where you plan to cross the utility.
- One-call ticket is good for 14 business days. You must update the ticket if your project goes longer.

Know Your Colors Flag/Paint Utility Color Codes

WHITE - Proposed Excavation

PINK - Temporary Survey Markings

RED - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW - Gas, Oil, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

ORANGE - Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

BLUE - Potable Water

PURPLE - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN - Sewer and Drain Lines

Smell, Look and Listen!

Use your senses to detect a natural gas leak



SMELL – A rotten egg or sulfur-like odor may be an indication of a natural gas leak



LOOK - Unexplained dead vegetation, blowing dirt or bubbling puddles of water may be an indication of a pipeline leak



LISTEN – Hissing or roaring could be an indication of a leak

Smell Gas? Act Fast!

If you smell natural gas while digging or have damaged a natural gas line, leave the area immediately. Once a safe distance away, call 911 and the Oklahoma Natural Gas Emergency Line at 800-458-4251.



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