



Natural Gas Pipelines Homeowner & Excavator Safety Guide



**Call before you dig.
It's free and it's the law.**

Before you dig



**Know what's below.
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expense caused by hitting underground utility lines.

Before starting construction, make sure paint, flags, or stakes from the mark out are in place.

Before you start any digging project, dial 811 New Jersey One Call for a utility mark out. It's free and helps protect you from potential injury and unnecessary

Before you call, information to know:

- Address/Municipality/County
- Physical location of the dig site
- Type of work
- Company information
- Contact information
- Project Team

Risks of not calling:

- Serious injury
- Environmental damage
- Property damage
- Damage to utility lines
- Project delays and repairs
- Civil penalties

When should you call?

Call 811 three days prior to any digging project. Examples:

- Excavation
- Demolition
- Sidewalk/Curb/Driveway work
- Fence Installation
- Landscaping and more



Your Checklist

All individuals/companies excavating must :

- Have a mark out request
- Call three business days before project start, but not more than 10 business days
- Begin excavation within 10 business days or the ticket is no longer valid
- Protect and preserve marks until no longer necessary
- Obtain a new ticket after 42 business days - before ticket is no longer valid
- Plan and use reasonable care during excavation or demolition to avoid damages
- Protect facilities from traffic and other hazards
- Request mark out for a minimum area to safely accommodate the dig site
- Hand dig and locate within two feet of the utility line on either side of a mark out before operation of any mechanized digging equipment

Who marks the lines?

- Utilities are responsible for marking out their own lines
- South Jersey Gas uses a third party vendor to perform its utility mark out work.

Utility Color Code

Below is a helpful chart that corresponds to the marks/flags you'll see when a mark out is performed. The color codes relate to the various types of underground utilities. Each colored flag you will see when a mark out is performed represents a different type of underground utility line.

Color Code

RED	ELECTRIC
YELLOW	GAS, OIL, STEAM
ORANGE	COMMUNICATIONS
BLUE	POTABLE WATER
PURPLE	RECLAIMED WATER
GREEN	SEWER / DRAINAGE
PINK	SURVEY MARKS
WHITE	PROPOSED EXCAVATION

TIMEFRAME MATRIX

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	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.
CALL-	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	DIG	*	*					
	CALL-	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	DIG	*					
		CALL-	MARKOUT	MARKOUT	*	*	MARKOUT	DIG				
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CALL- Start of the 10 Day time frame
DIG 7 Business days to start job
 * Contractors option to dig on Saturday or Sunday
 * Holidays and Saturday/Sundays do not count in three business days allowed for response
 * Any request received at One Call Center on a Holiday or Weekend is considered requested the next business day

Contact Information

If you damage a South Jersey Gas line:

- 1) Call.....911
It's the law when natural gas lines are hit
- 2) Call the South Jersey gas leak hotline..... 1-800-582-7060
- 3) Call..... 811

NJ One Call:

Request Mark out.....811 or 1-800-272-1000
 Information..... 1-732-394-3000 or visit www.nj1-call.org

South Jersey Gas:

Main Office.....609-561-9000

Schedule a SJG Safety Presentation:

Call.....609-561-9000 ext. 4119

