Utilities Update

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Agenda



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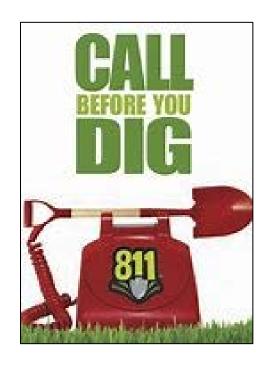


Highway Contractor Coordination w/ Utility Companies

Miss Utility

- Place ticket at least 2 working days (no more than 10) prior to performing work
- Do <u>NOT</u> start excavation until positive responses are received from <u>ALL</u> companies on the ticket
- Process a discrepancy to the ticket as needed (improper response, missing marks, etc.)
- Utilize the "Meeting Request" function
 - In situations where excavation projects are large, complicated, and will extend over 20 days, a Meeting Request is recommended so that a mutually agreeable construction and locate schedule can be agreed upon by all parties. Such pre-job meetings are important for major or unusual excavations. The meeting will facilitate communications, coordinate the marking with actual excavation, and assure identification of high priority facilities.
- Protect and Maintain the Marks
- Ticket Life
 - Valid if the described work begins within 10 working days after the call date and the work is continuous and the locate marks are still intact.





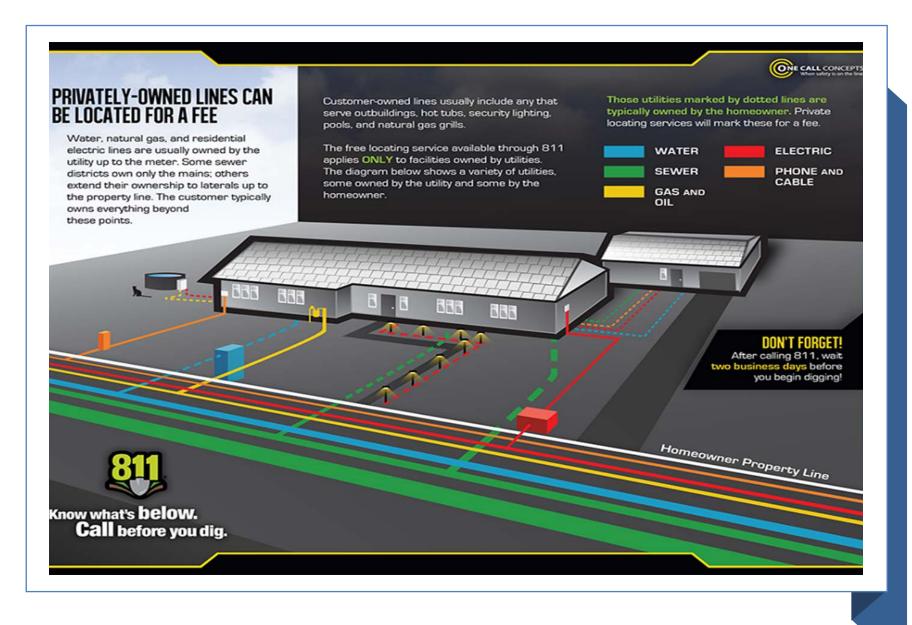
Private vs. Public

Facilities not owned by the utility company?

No marks through Miss Utility?

Records of these facilities?

How to find the utilities?





Design Coordination With Utility Companies

- Coordination occurs with companies throughout project design.
- Utility Statement
 - Summary of existing facilitates and proposed utility work
 - Provides anticipated work durations and relocation bar charts
- Utility Relocation Bar Charts
 - Summary and sequence of how utilities will relocate
 - Coordinated during design based on <u>anticipated</u> project phasing
- Utility Agreements
 - Utility agreements are generated with each company if there is reimbursable work
 - Agreement exhibits include
 - Outline of Reimbursable Work
 - Responsible Parties
 - Estimate(s)
 - Relocation Bar Chart or Anticipated Relocation Timeframe
- If there are changes to the anticipated design, schedule and construction methods, all anticipated utility work may be impacted.

Advanced Utility Work Coordination & Inspection

Advanced Utility Relocation is Utilized Frequently

Sometimes Subject to Other Provisions

- ROW Clear
- Clearing/Grading Complete
- MOT
- Funding/NTPs
- Stakeout

Requires Proactive Field Coordination & Inspection

- Advanced inspection has proven crucial and big benefit.
- Reach out to companies to discuss work and timing
- Making sure companies understand where they need to go based on design and stakeout
- Notify companies on progress and when there are changes
- Handle questions and issues to keep work moving
- Keeping track of work to verify reimbursables

Asbuilts & Knowledge for Highway Project

Highway Contractor Coordination with Utility Companies

- Coordination to occur per the Standard Specs and the Utility Statement
- Provide Required Advanced Notice from Utility Statement
- Notify Companies of Any Anticipated or Approved Changes
 - Especially related to phasing and schedules as mentioned previously
- Coordinate and Communicate with Companies throughout Project Construction

Questions??

