



-PERFICUT SITE MANAGEMENT-

Buried Utilities Policy

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PURPOSE:

We value the safety of our employees and clients. It is important for everyone to be informed about working near gas, electric and other underground utilities.

POLICY:

Employees shall be informed of the proper actions to take when working around or with buried utilities. It is STRESSED that at no time does digging, trenching, or excavating proceed without ALL utilities being marked.

PROCEDURE:

Before Work Begins

- Mark the proposed work area with white paint or flags.
- To have utilities marked **call 811(800-292-8989)** or file online at **www.call811.com**
- Get utilities marked at least two full working days before digging begins.
- You may need to contact a qualified private contractor to locate customer-owned pipes and wires that pass through public utilities.

Working Around Utilities

- Leave location marks and flags in place until the project is complete. Never remove or move flags/markings from another contractor without contacting them first.
- The horizontal location of the utilities will be marked, but their depth will not be.
- Carefully hand dig 18 inches on each side of the marking lines to allow for variance.
- Any time you suspect unmarked hazards, hand dig the area gently to test your suspicions.
- Backfill area gently to avoid damaging any utilities.
- Be aware of overhead hazards when using mechanized equipment.

Coming into Contact with an Underground Utility

- Drop the shovel or step away from any machinery and leave, DO NOT try to move it.
- Establish a restricted area and keep others away.
- DO NOT start or drive a vehicle into the area.
- Avoid creating any sparks or other sources of ignition.
- **Call 911 and MidAmerican Energy 800-799-4443 for electric/800-595-5325 for gas.**
- Contact your direct supervisor immediately.

