

# IF YOU DON'T CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE YOU DIG YOU MAY BE CALLING 9-1-1 TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY



## PLAN A SAFE DIGGING PROJECT



**1. Call 811 at least two business days before starting your project. You will need:** Location of job site, start date and type of digging. USA North will provide you with a ticket number. USA tickets are valid for 28 calendar days.



**2. Mark your work area:** Identify the location you plan to dig by using white marking product/flags or whisksers.



**3. Get marked:** PG&E and other utilities use color-coded utility flags and other markers to mark underground lines. Please wait until all utilities have marked their lines. Leave markers in place until you've finished digging.



**4. Dig safely:** Use hand tools within 24 inches of the marked line to expose the underground facility.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON THE WORK SITE

Report unsafe work sites. Call PG&E 24 hour Damage Prevention Hotline at **925-328-5560**.

When you see an active digging project, look for markings:



**A delineated area outlined in white paint—** Anyone planning to dig must outline the proposed work areas using white marking products before **calling 811**.



**Any colored utility markings such as flags or paint** (e.g., yellow for gas; red for electrical lines)

PROPOSED EXCAVATION
ELECTRIC, POWER LINES
CABLE, COMMUNICATION
RECLAIMED
TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKING
GAS, OIL, STEAM, CHEMICAL
SEWER, STORM DRAIN
POTABLE WATER

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## BEFORE YOU DIG, DIAL 8-1-1 AND KNOW WHAT'S BELOW.

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