

Call Before You Dig

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Do you know who to call before digging or excavating on your property? You need to call the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC). The OUNC is the Oregon state agency that administers Oregon's excavation laws and the statewide toll free "One-Call" number: 1-800-332-2344 (2DIG), or just 811.

The Governor-appointed Board of Directors serves to administer the OUNC, and also carries out a variety of public relations and educational programs, such as "Dig Safely" and "Call Before You Dig".

The "One-Call Center" is located in Portland and is staffed by about 50 operators. The Center is available to process locate requests seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The One-Call Center provides a free service to home owners, contractors and other excavators, informing them of any buried facilities in the area where they are planning to dig. To request locates for proposed excavation, you can reach the One-Call Center at 1-800-332-2344.

Oregon law requires that anyone digging in private property or any public right of way

call the One Call Center prior to digging. Everyone, contractor and homeowner alike, must call two business days prior to digging. After the call is received, the One-Call Center will notify all affected Operators. The Operators then have two business days to locate and accurately mark their underground facilities using color-coded paint.

The One-Call Center is available 24 hours to process locate requests, and is the only resource of its kind that covers all of Oregon and many areas in surrounding states. The One-Call Center provides critical information that can prevent injury, damage and service disruptions caused by digging too close to underground facilities. A call to the One-Call Center protects the homeowner/excavator from possibly being charged thousands of dollars to repair damaged facilities in the event of a dig-in accident.

Each incoming call generates an average of five outgoing calls to Operators of affected underground lines. This translates to over 1 million located facilities last year. Another way to look at this is that over 1 million potential accidents were prevented!

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