



Call Before You Dig

Be safe. Prevent downtime. Avoid penalties.

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Responding to Your Call

We will mark buried facilities within three working days unless the request is an emergency. To ensure proper marking of underground facilities, outline the proposed excavation site(s) with white paint. Also, be sure to keep your ticket number and marking instructions at the job site.

Marking We Energies Facilities

We mark our facilities with paint, flags or stakes. Facilities greater than 2 inches in diameter are labeled as such. When we can't place markers directly over buried facilities, arrows and numbers on a stake or on the ground mark the distance and direction to the buried facilities.

Yellow = natural gas and steam **Red = electric**
Blue = water **Clear = no buried facilities**

Flagging Newly Buried We Energies Facilities

To address rapidly changing conditions on construction sites, we designate newly buried facilities with color-coded striped flags. The primary color of the flags is the same as listed above. We place a striped flag at each end of a newly buried facility and approximately every 10 paces between. You find these flags in active construction areas, which include but are not limited to:

- Road/sewer/water construction projects involving concurrent relocation of existing or burial of new facilities.
- New subdivision or industrial park development.
- New home or business construction.



Remember – these flags are intended only to warn you of newly buried facilities. Please call for a relocate to have them properly located and marked for your safety.

Encountering We Energies Facilities

If you discover an unmarked or apparently mismarked facility, contact us immediately. Never assume an unmarked facility is abandoned. Treat all facilities as though they were live. Only We Energies personnel have the tools and skills to safely differentiate live versus abandoned facilities.

If you damage or observe damage to our facilities, stop work immediately and contact us.

Injured Individual or Blowing Natural Gas

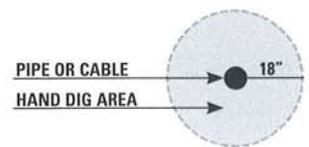
Call 911 and appropriate We Energies emergency number(s):

Electric Facility Damage *Natural Gas Facility Damage*
800-662-4PWR (4797) 800-261-LEAK (5325)

Working Around We Energies Facilities

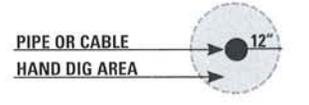
• Unexposed Facilities

Hand digging should begin 18 inches from each side of a buried facility.



• Exposed Facilities

After facilities have been exposed by hand, power digging equipment may be used up to 12 inches away, but please exercise caution to avoid facility damage.



• Trenchless Technology (boring, directional drilling)

Always expose facilities to verify their depth and location when using trenchless technology.

• Overhead Facilities

Always work at least 10 feet from any overhead electric line. Electric lines of more than 50,000 volts require greater clearances.

• Pipeline Safety

Natural gas and the underground pipeline distribution systems that carry it have outstanding safety records. The distribution systems are regularly tested and problems rarely occur.

In the unlikely event there is a problem, contact us immediately at 800-261-LEAK (5325) if you encounter the following while working near a pipeline:

- > Smell the strong odor of rotten eggs associated with natural gas.
- > Hear a hissing sound.
- > See debris blowing.

Diggers Hotline (Wisconsin) **MISS DIG (Michigan)** **Call at least three days before you dig!**
800-242-8511 or 811 800-482-7171 or 811