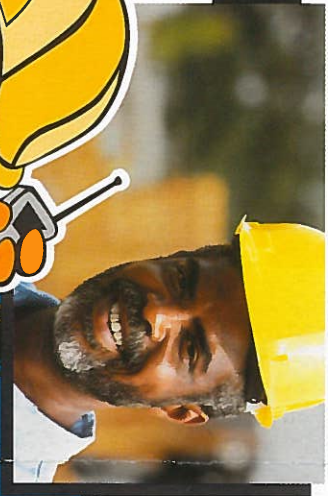




We hit the mark so you won't.



KNOW THE CODE

TESS Members and Excavating Contractors observe the APWA Uniform Color Code for marking underground lines.

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE

	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
	ELECTRIC POWER LINES, CABLES, CONDUIT AND LIGHTING CABLES
	GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM OR GASEOUS MATERIALS
	COMMUNICATION, ALARM OR SIGNAL LINES, CABLES OR CONDUIT
	POTABLE WATER
	RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION AND SLURRY LINES
	SEWERS AND DRAIN LINES

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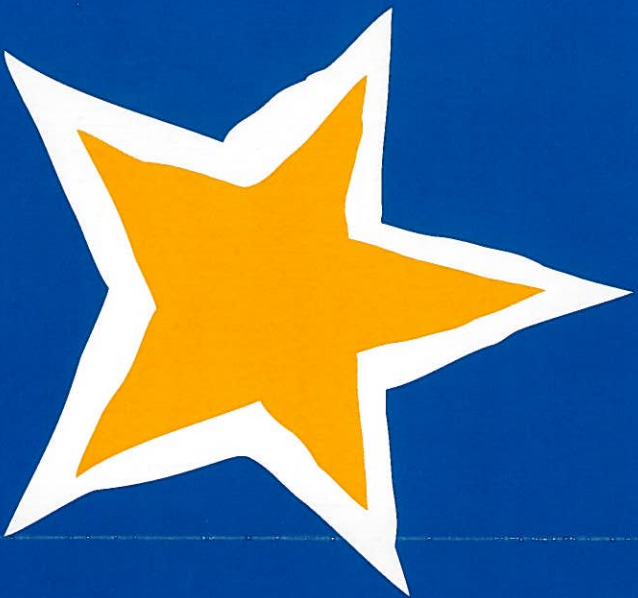


MISSION

TESS will provide the total damage prevention solution for our customers to promote public safety and protect the environment.

The Dig Safely program stresses that safe excavation is a four-step process:

1. **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG.**
 - Call **1-800-DIG TESS** (800-344-8377) 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Using the DIG TESS Center is *completely free!*
 2. **WAIT THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME.**
 - Texas law requires at least **2 working days** notice before beginning excavation.
 - If you're going to work on Saturday, **call no later than Wednesday!**
 3. **RESPECT THE MARKS.**
 - If necessary, the utilities or their agents will mark the approximate location of buried facilities, using paint, flags, stakes or a combination.
 - Excavators are encouraged to outline the excavation area in white paint to aid in the location process.
 - During the project, it is the excavator's responsibility to make sure the utility marks remain visible.
 - If the marks are obliterated, the excavator must call the DIG TESS Center for a re-mark.
 4. **DIG SAFELY.**
 - Once the work begins, it is up to the excavator to use safe, accepted digging practices.
- Regardless of how careful the preparation has been, the excavator must work in a prudent and careful manner.



Know DIG TESS

- Texas Excavation Safety System (TESS) is a non-profit, member managed corporation.
- The DIG TESS Center in Dallas is open 24-Hours/day, every day of the year.
- The DIG TESS Center takes excavation notices, emergency calls, and calls about extraordinary circumstances affecting excavators and members.
- DIG TESS transmits messages to facility owner/operators and other notification centers within two hours of receipt.
- DIG TESS has Spanish-speaking staff available at all times.
- DIG TESS records all calls and maintains all records at least 4 years.

KNOW THE LAW

Utilities Code Title 5, Chapter 251 is the damage prevention law for Texas. Its purpose is to protect excavators, facility owner/operators and the citizens of Texas from the consequences of digging into buried lines.

Provisions of the Law

- Class "A" Facility Owners/Operators must join a Notification Center. Class "A" facilities are such things as: Electric, Communications (incl. CATV), Gas, Oil, Steam, etc.
- Class "B" Owners/Operators (Water, Sewer, Slurry Lines) may participate voluntarily.
- Most Excavators must call before digging. An excavator must give at least 48-hours, but not more than 14 days notice, excluding weekends and holidays.
- Municipalities that own/operate Class "A" facilities must join a Notification Center.
- Facility damage must be reported to facility owner immediately don't repair or backfill.
- Facility Owner/Operators must locate, if necessary, within 48-hours.
- Emergency excavation may begin immediately, with reasonable care. The excavator must call when reasonably possible.
- Civil penalties may apply to parties violating the law!