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DIG SAFELY THIS SPRING

Protect Yourself and Your Community

As spring arrives and outdoor projects get

underway, we encourage homeowners and community members to make safety a priority—especially when digging. Whether you're planting trees, installing a fence, or starting a new garden, taking a few simple precautions can help prevent injuries, protect essential utility services, and keep projects running smoothly.

A quick call or online request to have underground utilities marked can make all the difference. By taking this simple step, you're helping safeguard essential services and supporting the well-being of the entire community.

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1. Call Before You Dig — It's the Law

Contact your local utility notification center by dialing 811 at least a few days before beginning any digging project.

2. Wait for Utility Markings

After you submit your request, professional locators will visit your property to mark underground utility lines with flags or paint so you know where to avoid digging.

3. Respect the Markings

Plan your work around the marked areas. When digging near utility lines, stay at least 18–24 inches away and use hand tools for added safety.

4. Remember: Even Small Projects Matter

Even shallow digging can damage underground lines. Always request a utility locate before digging — no matter how small the project may seem.

5. Share the information

If you're organizing a neighborhood or community project, make sure everyone involved understands these guidelines before work begins.

6. Stay Informed

Local authorities and utility providers may have additional safety requirements or recommendations. Checking ahead can help ensure your project goes smoothly.

The Miss Utility Notification Center is the approved one-call notification center for the District. For more information or to submit a locate request online, visit www.missutility.net. Taking a few minutes to plan helps protect you, your neighbors, and the vital services our community relies on every day.

Questions?

- Call the pipeline infrastructure hotline: 202-624-6400
- Email Project_Pipes@washgas.com
- Visit washingtongas.com/projectpipes

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