

## Safe Digging

*Please help us to protect the safety of yourself and our employees and facilities.*

### 1. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

- Call 811 - 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 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.

Click here for more information provided by DIG TESS – Texas Excavation Safety System – <http://www.digtess.org/>

Prior to any excavation work, Call 811 at least 48 hours before you plan to do any digging in or near highways, streets, alleys, or easements in Navasota. The City of Navasota will locate and mark its entire underground pipe in the area of your planned excavation.

This service is available in all areas served by the City and will be performed without charge, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Utilities will not be located on weekends except in an emergency type situation. Thank you for your cooperation.

*City-owned underground pipelines will be marked accordingly:*

Water – *BLUE*  
Sewer – *GREEN*  
Gas - *YELLOW*

*\*\* (Lines under concrete or asphalt will be spray painted to color code.)*

**Note:** Underground facilities on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. The City does not maintain property maps on customer personal gas service lines or provide locating services on private property.