

City of Bellevue
APWA Uniform Color Codes Handout

Call before you dig. It's the law!

The Utility Notification Center is the one-call agency dedicated to safeguarding citizens and construction personnel who work around utilities, as well as safeguarding the underground infrastructure of pipes, mains and lines which bring utilities to your community.

Calling before beginning any excavation prevents damage to underground facilities, service interruptions & bodily injury.

Calling before you dig ensures that any publicly owned underground facilities will be marked according to the [APWA color code](#) so that you can dig safely.

APWA Uniform Color Code for Marking Underground Facilities

Underground facilities shall be marked in accordance with the following designated color code:

WHITE	White: Pre-marking of the outer limits of the proposed excavation or marking the centerline and width of proposed lineal installations of buried facilities.
PINK	Pink: Temporary Survey Markings.
RED	Red: Electric power lines, cables or conduit, and lighting cables.
YELLOW	Yellow: Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or gaseous materials.
ORANGE	Orange: Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduits, and fiber.
BLUE	Blue: Potable water.
PURPLE	Purple: Slurry, irrigation and reclaimed water.
GREEN	Green: Sewers, drainage facilities or other drain lines.

Permanently Marking Underground Facilities

The following recommendations shall be followed when permanently marking underground facilities:

1. Markers must be clearly visible.
2. Marker material shall be durable in nature. (Treated Wood, Metallic, UV Resistant Plastics, etc.)
3. Mark culverts if not readily visible. Mark both ends of all non-visible underground facilities.
4. Identify type of underground facility if not recognizable from the surface.
5. It is also recommended that your state's Call Center number appear on the marker if the marker is of sufficient size.

PRIVATELY-OWNED LINES CAN BE LOCATED FOR A FEE

Water, natural gas, and residential electric lines* are usually owned by the utility up to the meter. Some sewer districts own only the mains; others extend their ownership to laterals up to the property lines. The customer typically owns everything beyond these points.

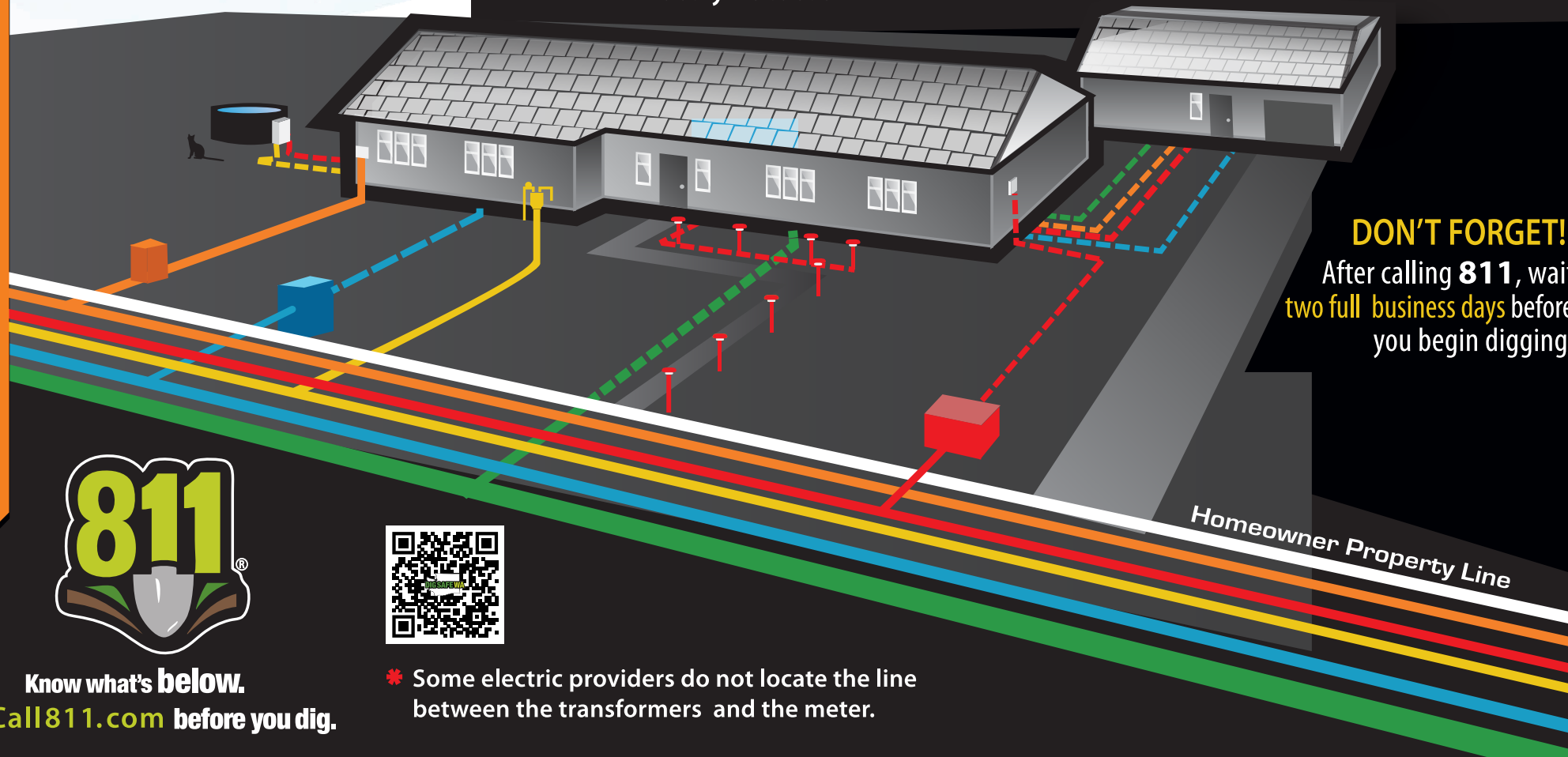
Customer-owned lines usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools, and natural gas grills.

The free locating service available through 811 applies **ONLY** to facilities owned by utilities. The diagram below shows a variety of utilities, some owned by the utility and some by the homeowner.

—— Utility Located
 - - - - Privately Located

Those utilities marked by dotted lines, including propane gas lines, are typically owned by the homeowner. Private locating services will mark these for a fee.

Blue	WATER	Red	ELECTRIC
Green	SEWER	Orange	INTERNET and PHONE
Yellow	GAS, OIL, and STEAM	Purple	NON-DRINKING WATER



DON'T FORGET!
 After calling **811**, wait **two full business days** before you begin digging!



Know what's below.
 Call **811.com** before you dig.



* Some electric providers do not locate the line between the transformers and the meter.



CALL 811 NOW
 OR **CALL 911 LATER!**
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PLANNING SOME PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE MOVING DIRT?
 Call **811.com** BEFORE YOU DIG!

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