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Call Dig Safe Before Digging—1-888-344-7233

(Taunton, MA) - With warmer days ahead, the list of projects will grow and many will materialize outdoors. Please remember, no matter how large or small the job, customers need to be cautious when digging. Understanding where the underground utilities are around your home or business is crucial regardless of whether you plan to dig six inches or six feet. Soil erosion can cause water, sewer, electricity and natural gas lines to be closer to the surface than expected. By calling Dig Safe, a free service, utilities are notified before the digging begins and various buried lines are identified using the following color codes:

Red:	Electric
Yellow:	Gas, oil, steam
Orange:	Communications
Blue:	Water
Green:	Sewer/drainage
Pink:	Survey marks
White:	Proposed excavation

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Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire state laws require advance notice of at least three business days, while Rhode Island and Vermont state laws require advance notice of at least two business days. Dig Safe processes all locate requests Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., not including holidays. Off-hour coverage is provided for emergency work only.

Once a Dig Safe number is assigned, that number is effective for 30 days. For additional information about Dig Safe and your home improvement project, call TMLP at (508) 824-5844.

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